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Sun rises 6:29 a. m., sets 4:59 p. m.
Moon rises 4:28 p. m., sets 6:10 a. m.
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He has a twin brother, Norman, and a brother, Raymond, age 10.

Neshaminy Falls Resident Dies; Ill A Long Time

NESHAMINY FALLS, Nov. 1—A prolonged illness resulted in death yesterday morning for Mrs. Hedy L. Soenksen, wife of Alfred Soenksen, of Neshaminy Hills. Other survivors are three sisters, two in Germany, and Mrs. Elsie Nagle, here.

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Heavy Vote Expected In Bucks County At Election on Tuesday

Polls Will Be Open From 7 A. M. Until 8 P. M. On Election Day

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday to select nationally a president and a vice president, and in the state they will vote for a United States Senator, Judge of the Supreme Court, State Treasurer, and Auditor General. In Bucks County a representative to Congress from the eighth district will be named and two members will be elected to the general assembly.

The polls will open at seven o'clock in the morning and close at eight in the evening.

In Bucks County there are 112 voting districts and an extraordinarily heavy vote is expected in every one of the districts.

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WILSON L. YEAKEL

Whose twenty-four years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives make him one of the veterans there, and give him important seniority. He is the Republican nominee to succeed himself at Tuesday's election. A jeweler and optometrist by profession, he is a school director at Ferkasie, where he lives; director of the Ferkasie Trust Company and Progressive Building and Loan Association; past president of the Ferkasie Rotary; Son of the American Revolution; member Masonic Lodge and Lehigh Consistory, 32nd degree; member Chamber of Commerce; member, Baptist Church. He is married to the former Katie A. Fretz and has two children.

He accused Bard of taking a page from the Harry Truman book of political deception," and denounced campaign misrepresentations designed to fool the voters.

Replying to charges from Bard that he was "reactionary", Senator Martin went down the record contrasting the accomplishments of his own terms as Governor and Senator with the record of New Deal failures he said Bard was running on.

Senator Martin said:

"My opponent is running on the Truman record. If that is the kind of government you want for this great Republic of ours he is entitled to your support and your vote.

"On the other hand, if you believe that the future of America can be made more secure by getting rid of the whole Truman machine, I ask you to vote for Ike Eisenhower, Dick Nixon, Ed Martin and the whole Republican ticket."

Senator Martin gave the detailed record of his stand on labor issues to prove he is friendly to labor, not its "enemy".

"Let us turn now to the most glaring misrepresentation of all,

the preposterous statement by my opponent that welfare and humane activities had been neglected during my administration as Governor.

"One of the achievements of my four years as Governor, in which I take the greatest pride, was the completion of an intelligent and

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(Special to the Courier)

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Pennel-Langhorne Area Crowns Harvest Queen

Patricia Weeks, Feasterville, Neshaminy High Freshman, Receives Honors

By Staff Reporter

PENNDL, Nov. 1—Patricia Weeks, of Feasterville, 14-year-old freshman at Neshaminy High School, was crowned Harvest Moon Queen last night at the seventh annual Pennel-Langhorne Hallo-ween Party, before a crowd estimated at 3,000 persons.

A blue-eyed blonde, five feet, 5½ inches tall, Miss Weeks was also a second place winner in the window decorating contest, judged yesterday afternoon as part of the same festivities. The program was sponsored by the Associated Business Men of Pennel and the Langhorne Lions Club, with Ernst Heizmann, a member of both organizations, serving as general chairman and master of ceremonies.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold two services every Sunday, starting tomorrow, the morning matins at nine, and the service at 11 a. m. The Junior choir, under direction of Mrs. Fred Pollock and organist Miss Grace Veigel, will sing the service and anthem at the nine a. m. worship.

At 11 a. m. the senior choir will sing. Sunday School will be at 9:45 a. m. Nursery will be conducted.

Tomorrow the Rev. Maurice R. Gertner, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lansdowne, will give the sermon on the meaning and import of the ULCA convention recently held at Seattle, Wash.

Edwin, a pupil at Neshaminy high school, Langhorne, has been missing since October 9th. He was last reported seen at the P. R. R. station in Bristol, Oct. 9th.

Edwin resided with his father, Edwin R. Matlack, Newtown, but spent considerable time with his grandmother in Hulmeville.

It is stated that he had attended school on October 7th, then gone to visit his mother, Mrs. Marjorie Fulton, Swain street, here. On October 8th it is stated that Edwin did not attend school, but kept an appointment with a dentist. On October 9th he is said to have left the

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The wandering lad was found by a Pinewood resident on Pleasant Lane, at 11:30 a. m., to Levittown Police said, and to police headquarters. Officers Gregory Parto and Richard Templeton drove the boy, who said his name was "Jim", through Levittown looking for the "red house" he said he lived in.

"Jim" turned down offers by the police of ice cream and doughnuts, Parto said, but appeared to enjoy riding in a police cruiser. After a thorough search of Pinewood, the lost lad disclosed that there is no lighting pole on his street.

Parto and Templeton turned their quest to Farmbrook, a newer section, where they said Jim identified the house at 10 Friendly Lane as his. The police said Jim's father, Robert Garren told them he had been searching for the lad for two hours.

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Plan Incorporating Levittown As A Borough

Levittown—William Levitt & Sons, Inc., have plans for incorporating that portion of Levittown located in Tullytown borough, Bristol, Falls and Middletown townships into a borough, according to an announcement confirmed this morning by George Sottung, president of the Bristol township commissioners. Mr. Sottung was queried by the Bristol Courier as to the authenticity of the report, and told a Courier reporter that Levitt had told him the same thing yesterday afternoon. No idea was given as to when this will take place.

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Pine Street Home Ablaze

Bristol firemen were summoned at 9:20 this morning to the residence of James Green, 809 Pine street, when the dwelling was found ablaze.

The fire apparently had its start at the outside of the kitchen, near the ground. Flames crept up the walls near the corner of the house to the roof, and the roof soon became a mass of flames.

Firemen continued to pour streams of water on the fire as they chipped at the outside attic wall in an attempt to enter the attic in order to play streams directly under the roof.

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TREATED LOCALLY

Bristol General Hospital reports

treating the following yesterday:

Harry Gray, T. N. J., sprained

right shoulder; Richard Eaber, Bristol Terrace I, first degree burns

right forearm; Vincent Malatesta, Jefferson avenue, lacerated left hand; Carl Rayborn, Bristol R. D. 3, laceration of right knee.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1952

REPUBLICAN TICKET

FOR PRESIDENT
Dwight D. Eisenhower

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT
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FOR U. S. SENATOR
Sen. Edward Martin

FOR CONGRESS
Hon. Karl C. King

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Hon. Marvin V. Keller

FOOLING RUSSIAN PEOPLE

Are the Russian people fooled by their government's propaganda? If they were all genuinely fooled, would the Kremlin continue to maintain the world's largest and most active secret police force?

Fresh testimony on this point has just been provided by two former Red army soldiers, aged 23 and 24, who got away and enlisted in the U. S. Army. Even Russia's anti-American propaganda, they report, shows the Russian people how free America is compared to Russia.

Russian domestic propaganda plays up and exaggerates strikes and other evidence of domestic difficulties in the United States, especially when such activities are engineered by communists. It also plays up whatever political criticisms of American foreign and domestic policy happen to fit in with communist purposes at the moment.

When the Russian people read about that, it tells them that the freedom to strike, the freedom to oppose the party in power, the freedom to criticize, all exist in the United States.

On many matters, many Russians are fooled because they are permitted to hear only one side. The "conclusive proof" of germ warfare and other "American barbarities" in Korea is constantly dinned at them. They have no way of checking on lies about wages and working conditions in American factories. And if accounts of American working men who own their own cars reach them, they cannot bring themselves to believe anything so incredible.

But Russians still can think—as long as they keep their thoughts to themselves. The power to reason is the bugaboo of tyrants, and even tyrants cannot destroy it.

There are rumors of gasoline rationing, an arrangement under which you have an A sticker on the windshield and three gallons in the tank unless you know something.

What became of that Russian scientist who had a serum to extend the life span to 150? Perhaps Joe doesn't want the 400,000,000 Chinese to live that long.

Lutherans Will Hold Two

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worship, communion meditation and communion; 6:45 p. m., Ambassadors (youth meeting); 7:30 p. m., Pre-prayer meeting; 7:45, evening gospel service, message, "One Time You Must Vote!", inspirational song service.

Tuesday: eight p. m., monthly meeting of Social Circle; Wednesday: 7:45 p. m., Prayer and praise meeting; 8:45, senior choir rehearsal; Thursday: seven p. m., Happy Bible hour; eight, Board of Deacons meeting.

Bristol Methodist Church

Mulberry and Cedar streets; Ralph E. Proud, Jr., minister; 9:45 Church school, James Douglass, supt.; 11, morning worship, (Nursery during service); Holy Communion; Meditation, "This the cost and this the Glory".

Monday: eight, Board of Trustees; Tuesday: 7:45, Women's Society of Christian Service in the church; Wednesday: 6:30 p. m., Methylated Youth Fellowship; Thursday: eight, choir practice; Friday: eight music committee.

St. James' P. E. Church

The Rev. George E. Boswell, rector; 21st Sunday after Trinity; eight a. m., holy communion; 9:30 a. m., Church school; 11 a. m., holy communion and sermon; dedication of new organ; seven p. m., Young People's Fellowship.

Tuesday: 10 to four p. m., Mother's Guild in the Parish house; Wednesday: eight p. m., A. Heacock, organist at Christ Church, Riverside, N. J., will give a recital on the new organ. Mr. Heacock will demonstrate the rich tones and flexibility of the organ.

Pledges for the every member canvass should be returned as soon as possible to Ralph Hart, Tullytown, it is stated.

Presbyterian Church of Our Savior

Wood street and Lincoln ave.; Morning worship, 10 o'clock; Sunday School, 11 o'clock, Ralston, Hidrick, supt.; evening worship, seven o'clock.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Young People's service and choir practice, the choir will be under the direction of Rita FiOrto.

Bristol Society of Friends (Quakers)

Wood and Market streets: 10 a. m., First-day School; 11 a. m., meeting for worship.

Friends gather in silence every first-day morning, that each person, through prayer and quiet waiting,

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Calvary Baptist Church
On Green Lane, Lehman Strauss, pastor; Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Bible School; 11 a. m., worship service, choir, message by the pastor; 6:45 p. m., young peoples meetings, three age groups; 7:45 p. m., evangelistic service, hymn sing, special music, message by the pastor.

Tuesday: 7:45 p. m., praise and prayer service; Thursday: seven p. m., Bristol Boys Brigade, (ages 11-18); Friday: seven p. m., Bristol Boys Brigade, (ages 8-10); 8:30 p. m., choir rehearsal; Saturday: 10:45 a. m., Phila. area Sunday School convention, in Trinity Reformed and Evangelical Church, Phila.

Harriman Methodist Church

R. L. Carlson, minister; Nov. 2nd, Church School, 9:30 a. m.; morning worship, 11, sacrament of holy communion, (nursery is maintained); Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p. m.; evening service, eight o'clock, sermon by the pastor; Young Adult Fellowship, nine p. m.

Monday, seven, Boy Scouts; Tuesday, 3:30, Brownie Scouts; 7:15, Girl Scouts; Wednesday, 7:30, midweek prayer service.

Bristol Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Edward G. Yeomans, minister; Sunday, 9:30 a. m., "the quiet hour"; 9:45 a. m., Church school, Fred R. Herman, supt.; 11, morning worship, with sermon by the pastor, "Are We Faithful Stewards?" (nursery conducted); 6:45 p. m., Intermediate C. E. with James H. Trembley in charge; 6:45 p. m., Westminster Fellowship group, Frank S. Hamilton, Jr., advisor; eight, evening worship, with sermon by the pastor, continuing study based on the Psalms, (Psalm IV), "Human Suffering and Divine Mercy".

Monday: 7:30 p. m., the Session will meet in manse; 7:30 p. m., Cub Pack No. 2 in the church, representatives from Lower Bucks County Council will present the charter to the pack, a representative of Penna. State Police, Langhorne barracks, will speak to the boys, and all boys and their parents

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths

MCCARRY — Suddenly at Bristol, Pa., Oct. 30, 1952, John L. son of the late John and Mary McCarty. Relatives and friends are invited to the Wm. I. Murphy Est. Funeral Home, 1002 Radcliffe St., Bristol, Tuesday, 9 a. m., High Requies. Mass. at Marks R. C. Church, 10 a. m. Interment St. Marks Cemetery. Friends may call Monday Evening.

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52 Studebaker Commander, cpe.

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52 Dodge Meadowbrook, 4 dr.

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52 Pontiac Chieftain, deluxe, 8, convert. cpe.

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home. That day some companions saw him at the P. R. R. station.

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Prizes were won by: Elizabeth Jane Buckman, prettiest costume (Bo-Peep); Georgia Ann Fowler, most original (Porky, the pig); Esther Shapcott, funniest. Lollipop trees were in evidence, and following games two motion picture films were shown. Refreshments were partaken of.

HULMEVILLE

Arriving here from Bethlehem, Mr. and Mrs. William Engle and daughter, Roni, on Sunday visited Mrs. Engle's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Tomlinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Terneson, Levittown, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Oct. 22nd, in Abington Hospital. The infant weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs.

The parents have chosen the name of Barbara Lee. Mrs. Terneson, will be remembered as the former Miss Lillian Keers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Keers, Trenton avenue.

Antoinette Napoli, 422 Jefferson

avenue, had her tonsils removed in Nazareth Hospital, Phila. on Monday. She is now at home.

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HULMEVILLE
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Representative in the General Assembly — Marvin V. Keller, Republican; Wilson L. Yeakel, Republican; Thomas E. MacLaren, Democratic; George B. Ermentout, Democratic.

State Senator Edward B. Watson, speaking of the election in Bucks County says, "I believe that we are going to have a very heavy vote." He added that all indications were for a heavy county vote and that he was pleased with the result of the recent voters registration.

When asked what he thought would be the results of the elections in Lower Bucks County, Senator Watson said that he had been all through the area studying the situation, in this part of the country, and that he expected a "heavy Republican majority" in this area.

The Bucks County Board of Elections announced that it had printed 88,450 official ballots for the county's 112 voting districts to be used in the election. In addition to the official ballots there were 21,110 specimen ballots and 2,000 military ballots printed.

A total of 650 military ballots were mailed to all corners of the world and already a total of 300 have been returned by the servicemen. The military ballots must be postmarked on or before Nov. 4 to be counted on Friday, Nov. 7.

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Costume prizes were awarded to David Brown, "Margie" Hughes, Robert Filer, Ruth Ann Boag, Michael Graham, "Judy" Ray, Janice Laycock, Barbara Hoff, Eileen Hughes, "Peggy" Wentzel and Kathleen Matlack.

Prizes were awarded and the following games played: Potato-spoon race; Marshmallow eating contest; Clothes pin game; Cat's-eye tail game; Obstacle race. Refreshments were served.

Nurses and beginners departments will hold a party this afternoon at the church.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

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some side-lights on discussions he has participated in at U. N. headquarters with representatives from other lands. He mentioned how the United States "needs our open-mindedness and completeness in coming to our decisions".

In referring to preservation of America's shrines, "bringing them up to date", Dr. Hart had this to say: "I cherish permanent events more than current events. They represent the abiding something we all need... Our shrines can represent the abundance of life today... Let's work for a perfect unity and never be jealous or envious; but always assume there is a great unity until it is proved otherwise".

Activities of junior clubs in the county were reported by Mrs. William Suter, Bristol, 3rd vice-president of the federation. These showed the wide variety of plans for the coming two years. Mrs. Suter announced 602 members in 12 junior clubs, and told that in addition to supporting the state federation four-fold program, each club is aiding in its own community, helping worthy individuals and working in civic affairs.

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According to A. Harry Clayton, county chairman of the Republican party, there should be a substantial majority of Republican votes cast Tuesday.

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Grand prize, a \$25 savings bond, went to four boys of the ninth grade class at Neshaminy High School for "Hunting for New Mischiefs," a scene of a witch contemplating new plans for trickery. Howard Johnson, Robert Hoffner, Stephen Neickowski and Wm. Rothenbach painted the decoration on the window of Brown's Drug Store, Penndel. Miss Weeks, the Harvest Queen, with Dossy Lewis, won second place in the ninth grade painting competition. Third place in that class went to E. Dunlap, C. Mather and Judy Nangle.

Thursday afternoon 150 high school students painted more than 50 store windows in Penndel and Langhorne for the contest. Under the direction of Dr. H. H. Stover, Langhorne Manor, it was judged for each school class. Judges were Mrs. Cynthia Coates, Langhorne Manor, artist; Mrs. Peggy Cooley, Langhorne, art collector and Richard Boehm, art director of Neshaminy High School.

Other class winners were:

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The early life of the Bank was in a time of great financial trouble in the country. There was no established currency backed by the government, and the banks themselves issued paper money down to the time of the Civil War. One of the first purchases of the Farmers Bank was engraved plates to print such money.

Thousands of dollars of the Bank's currency has been circulated, and every bit of it ever presented to the Bank was paid off at the face value.

Moves to Bristol

Some of this was outstanding for many years. For example, a \$10 bill issued March 29, 1815, was redeemed 94 years later, in 1909. Another note, issued August 1, 1861, was presented and paid on November 30, 1949.

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Earlier this year the Bank opened much-enlarged, rebuilt quarters at its main building on Radcliffe Street, Bristol.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County is as follows:

Chairman of the Board, Joseph R. Grundy, a director since 1909; President of the Bank, Louis C. Spring, director since 1943; Vice President of the Bank, Jacob C. Schmidt, Sr., director since 1927; Cashier and Trust Officer, John C. Johnson, director since 1947; Clarence W. Winter (1924); Lester B. Shoemaker (1933); Edward L. Helwig (1940); Edgar J. Spencer (1947); Sheridan Metz (1951); Thomas R. Janes (1951); Elmer B. VanSant (1952). Harold F. Hunter is Assistant Cashier and Assistant Trust Officer of the Bank; Ralph Ratcliff is Assistant Cashier.

COMFORT CONVENIENCE SAFETY



Which of these many services can YOU use?

AUTOMOBILE LOANS

Loans for the financing of purchase of automobiles.

BANK MONEY ORDERS

A method of remitting money where the sender has no bank account.

BANK BY MAIL

Checks may be endorsed (For Deposit Only). If it is necessary to mail cash it should be registered and insured.

BOND AND COUPON COLLECTION

Matured bonds and coupons may be deposited with the bank for collection.

BUSINESS MORTGAGE LOANS

Mortgages against business properties to furnish long term capital needs.

CASHIERS CHECKS

CERTIFIED CHECKS

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Individual accounts, joint accounts with right of survivorship, partnership accounts and business accounts.

CHRISTMAS CLUB

COMMERCIAL LOANS

Loans to businesses for short term notes.

CONSUMERS HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE LOANS

Loans to finance the purchase of refrigerators, furniture, stoves, television sets and other household appliances.

CONSTRUCTION LOANS

Loans made for the purpose of financing the construction of properties.

CREDIT INFORMATION

May only be given with the permission of the depositor. At the request of the depositor information will be given by the bank in order to establish credit.

CUSTOMERS' CONFERENCE ROOMS

For school, municipal and federal funds.

DISCOUNTING OF TRADE NOTES

For businesses or industries.

\$49,685.95

1815 1825 1850 1875 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1952

WATCH US GROW! Diagram shows how the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County has grown since it was organized in 1815. Note especially the sensational way assets have soared in the last few years, as the industrial development of Lower Bucks County has gone into high gear.

DRAFT COLLECTION

Drafts drawn on out-of-town businesses may be left with this bank for collection.

EQUIPMENT LOANS

Loans may be secured by chattel mortgages against equipment.

ESCROW AGENT

Funds may be left with the bank in escrow pending termination of definite agreements between two or more parties.

EXCHANGE OF FOREIGN MONEY

FARMAT ACCOUNTS

A special Checking Account may be maintained without a minimum balance by purchasing a book of checks at the rate of \$1.00 for each 10 checks.

GUARANTEE SIGNATURES

This bank may guarantee signatures on stock certificates or registered bonds for the purpose of completing transfers.

LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION

Paid up life insurance or life insurance with a cash surrender value may be used as security for loans.

LINES OF CREDIT

Lines of credit may be granted in order that businesses may have more flexibility in their borrowing.

MODERNIZATION LOANS

For improvements to homes.

MUNICIPAL FINANCING

Loans to municipalities or school districts to cover budget needs.

NIGHT DEPOSITORY

For convenience in making after-hour deposits.

NOTE COLLECTION

Notes may be left with the bank for collection or will be forwarded by the bank to place a payment for collection.

PAYROLL ACCOUNTS

For businesses or industries.

PERSONAL LOANS

Granted where warranted.

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE LOANS

RECORDAK FACILITIES

REMITTANCES OF FOREIGN FUNDS

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

SAVINGS BONDS

United States Savings Bonds may be purchased or redeemed at the bank and are also kept in safe-keeping.

SCHOOL THRIFT PROGRAM

Both borough and township schools have been provided Savings programs for graduation and Washington trip purposes.

SECURITY LOANS

Loans made on marketable stocks and bonds.

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

SOCIAL SECURITY DEPOSITORY

Receipts issued for Social Security payments made to bank and the funds are remitted to the proper authorities.

STOCK PURCHASE AND SALES

TAX PAYMENT LOANS

Loans made to facilitate payment of taxes.

TRAVELERS CHEQUES

VACATION CLUB

VALUABLES STORAGE

Storage space available for temporary storage of silver or valuables in the vaults of the bank.

WITHHOLDING TAX DEPOSITORY

This bank issues receipts for withholding tax payments made to the bank and remittances made of withholding tax to proper authorities.

TRUST DEPARTMENT

Dependable council service making wills and creating trusts.

Expert settlement of estates.

Guardians of minors and incompetents.

Trustees for living Trusts and Estates.

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MILLIONS OF ASSETS

THE BRISTOL COURIER

BRISTOL, PA., SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 1, 1952

CROYDON AREA PROSPERS

Neshaminy Valley Enjoys Industrial Boom

Population and business both show rapid expansion during recent years; many factories locate here

The Delaware Valley steel boom has shoved industrial expansion of the Croydon-Bensalem area into high gear.

Opening of a branch bank in Croydon, bringing to the region all the advantages of financial contacts and facilities, is merely the latest step in the rapid development which has been going on in recent months.

Even before the Fairless Steel plant at Morrisville set off an economic time bomb in lower Bucks County, the Croydon-Bensalem area had been booming.

In twenty years great sections of Bensalem which formerly were fields and farms had been developed into small home settlements. The population has more than doubled during that period.

A generation ago most of the countryside from the Philadelphia

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CIVIC ASSOCIATION AIDS CROYDON AREA

Problems of the Croydon area are passed upon by the Bristol Township Civic Association, which is now in its third year. The association meets on the second Monday of each month, 8 p.m., using each of the township's three fire-houses in turn—Croydon, Newington and Edgely. Officers are: President, Albert H. Rogers, Jr., Croydon Manor; vice-president, Philip T. Workman, Croydon; treasurer, Clem Shade, Maple Shade; recording secretary, Mrs. Emma Pfaffernath, Bath Addition; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Butterworth, Croydon.

Also on executive board: Alfred Smith, past president; Ernest Hamilton, 1st ward; Harry Lahr, 2nd ward; Michael Vallario, 3rd ward; Harry Gough, 4th ward; Alpheus Smyrl, 5th ward; Howard Hilgendorf, 6th ward.

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Aged Mansions Tell Story of Long-Forgotten Events

Many old buildings, including some mansions dating back as much as two centuries and a half, are to be found in the Croydon-Bensalem area.

Some are in a splendid state of preservation, others have been so modified that little remains of their original appearance, and others are falling rapidly into ruin and decay. Hardly a year passes but what one or another of these venerable relics disappears from the scene.

Four of these are of particular interest to Croydon, and will be discussed separately at some length. They are: China Hall, White Hall or Bristol College, Ford Inn and Evergreens.

Oldest mansion of the area is Trevoise, the Growdon family home on the left bank of the Neshaminy.

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Pictures Catch Fading Charms

A striking group of photographic studies by Marion E. Whipple, of Bristol, has succeeded in showing much of the original grace and beauty of three historic Croydon buildings—China Hall, Bristol College and the Schenck's Mansion, Evergreens.

All three structures show serious ravages of time, and probably will fall before the march of progress within the next few years.

Mr. Whipple also has made a beautiful study of Ford Inn, in Bridgewater, a historic structure which has been lovingly preserved. Do not miss these pictures on pages four and five of this supplement.

Though actually one of the younger municipalities of the area Croydon has grown rapidly into one of the main centers of the Neshaminy Valley region.

Its present name is that of the venerable London suburb best known as one of the world's major airports. But before that what is now Croydon was on the outskirts of a somewhat earlier settlement known by its designation on the railroad system—the unpoetic name of "Schenck's Station."

The west bank of the Delaware River, from Torresdale to Bristol, has been recognized by many generations of Philadelphians as a wonderful health and recreation

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What, No Falls?

Historians say that there are no natural falls at Neshaminy Falls, and that the name was given because of the overflow of an early dam at that location.

Croydon Young, Growing Fast; Future Bright

The history of Bensalem Township goes back to the earliest days of William Penn's colonizing of Pennsylvania.

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Shad Fishing

Years ago, when the Delaware River was still running clean and clear, shad fishing was a big industry. Catches running into the thousands were recorded, and the fish could be bought for a few cents apiece.

One of the largest shad fisheries along the Delaware was located at Dunk's Ferry, employing seven men at its peak.

New Bank Spurs Community's Growth

Branch Offers Region Many New Conveniences

Banking from automobile of many services Croydon office will make available to the community

NEW RECORD SET

Since copy was written for this supplement, showing assets for the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County to be \$17,248,854.30 on October 15, the Bank has set a new high record, assets having reached \$18,272,205.95 on October 27.

Opening of the Croydon Branch of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County brings to the Croydon-Bensalem area all the conveniences and services of modern banking, including that most recent of banking developments—banking from your car window.

One of the many striking features of the new building is a special window, in a corner projecting to the edge of a driveway, where deposits can be made by a motorist without leaving his or her steering wheel.

The Farmers National Bank of Bucks County is the oldest and biggest bank of Bucks County, and its history has been closely interwoven with that of the nation, the state and the local community for the past 137 years.

Organized at Hulmeville in 1814
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"Neshaminy"

According to the experts, the Indian word "Neshaminy" really means "The place where we had two drinks." This doesn't refer to taprooms, firewater, or anything of that sort. Indians in their original state along the Delaware, it is said, never drank from open running streams, but only from springs. Therefore, the word "Neshaminy" signified a place where there were two springs close together. The exact location of the two springs in question is unknown.

A Forgotten Ghost

The name "Haunted Lane" appears to be a relic of a ghost story dating back to days shortly after the Revolutionary War. A young mother, after a series of earlier tragedies, suffered the further loss of her only child in a drowning accident downstream from Ford Inn. The bereaved mother soon died. Thereafter her ghostly figure could be seen, according to the legend, peering into the waters of the Neshaminy.

Train Service Once Daily

One hundred years ago, the Croydon-Bensalem area thought it was well off because it had one train a day in each direction. A man carrying spikes sat on the cowcatcher to fasten down loose rails. The trains were known by their conductors' names—one being the Andrew Quentin and the other the William Bailey.

Photo by W. H. Johnson



NEW CROYDON BRANCH of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County, which opens today. Note the window at the extreme right rear of the building, which is the one where the new service of Bank-from-Your-Car-Window facilities will be made available.

Historic Creek Long Renowned As Beauty Spot

When the first white men came to the west bank of the Delaware River, downstream from the "Great Bend" near Trenton, they found a number of particularly beautiful streams which meandered down from higher ground in the northwest, and emptied in most cases into tidal mouths opening out of the main river itself.

Many of these have succumbed to industrialization, and are mere trickles of stained and polluted water, but the most beautiful of all, the magnificent Neshaminy, still retains most of the picturesque charm of its earliest days.

The Neshaminy is the binding thread connecting many areas which at times have pulled in contrary directions. It has been a sort of mother to a community of settlements and farms, and, in more recent years, commercial and industrial centers—at one time another a main artery of transportation, a source of power, a



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Dunk's Ferry Shared in Famed "Crossing"

The region around the mouth of the Neshaminy Creek played a very considerable part in the dramatic events associated with Washington's crossing the Delaware on Christmas night, 1776, and his subsequent victory at Trenton which was the turning point of the American Revolution.

Dunk's Ferry not only was the downstream pivot or anchor of the line of defense which General Washington threw up to protect Philadelphia from the British Army which was smashing southwest from New York, but the Ferry was to have played an important part in the attack on Trenton, as the military plan was laid out by the Father of His Country.

Lays Careful Plans

General Washington, an able and prudent war leader, deserves more credit for his military skill and foresight than sometimes is accorded him. The British General, Lord Cornwallis, had perhaps the best picture of Washington's military prowess, for Washington eventually hemmed Cornwallis in at Yorktown and forced him to surrender, this ending the Revolutionary War.

Cornwallis spoke in the highest terms of Washington's handling of the military situation in the latter part of 1776, and said that the American General's fame would "gather its brightest laurels" from the events in which Dunk's Ferry took part.

The British drove Washington out of New York and step by step backward across New York, during the bloody and unhappy autumn of 1776.

Hides All Boats

By the time he had reached New Brunswick, Washington foresaw that he could not make a successful stand on the eastern side of the Delaware, and he sent detachments ahead to seize all boats and keep them under guard. When on December 8 he finished crossing the river at Trenton, all boats were taken to the western shore and hidden.

Washington faced many problems, one of the biggest of which was the timidity of Congress, at that time meeting in Philadelphia. He knew that if the Quaker City, then the national capital, were to fall at that early stage of the war, the revolution would collapse at once.

He therefore threw the ragged fragments of his army in a long arc of defense, ranging from New Hope on the north to Dunk's Ferry at the south. His main body of troops he stationed just below New Hope, where they held a commanding position to move in whatever direction events called for.

Prepares a "Blitz"

An excellent spy system kept General Washington advised of the movements of the enemy. If they had done what many experts think they shall have undertaken at once—make boats out of the big stores of lumber in Trenton and pursue the attack—he was in a position to make the best defense circumstances permitted. If the British had undertaken to move down the river to Camden, he would have been able to keep his own forces across the river from them at all times.

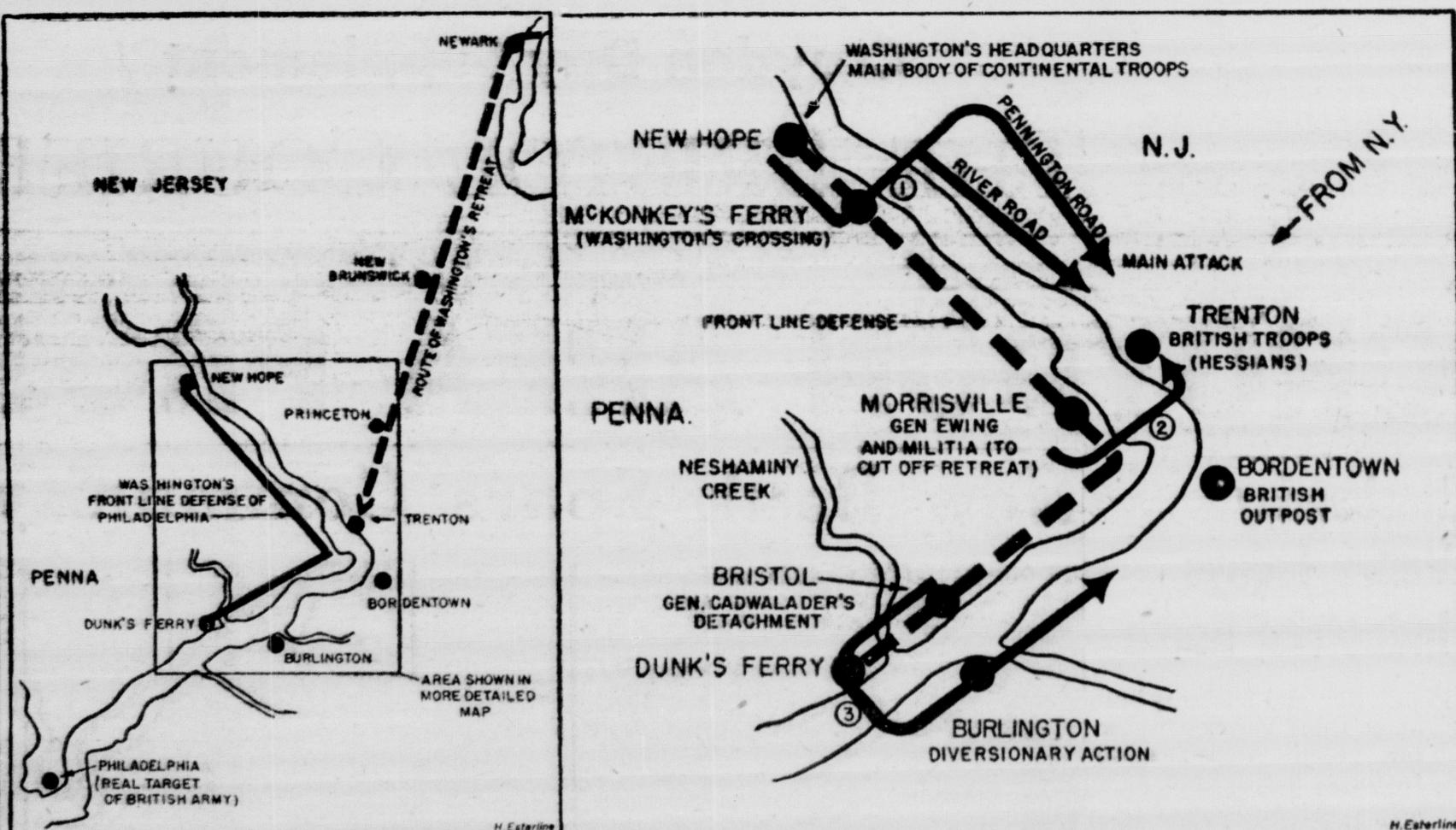
But mere defense did not meet the needs of the crisis, and Washington quickly saw that his possession of all boats gave him great opportunities for the type of surprise attack more currently known to this generation as "blitz."

Picks Best Time

No sooner than he had completed these arrangements as outlined than his correspondence shows him to begin laying his plans for a Christmas day attack on Trenton, where the Hessian mercenaries hired by the British had been stationed.

The plans were laid with much care. Not only was the time selected for the attack—Christmas night—the one when there was the most likelihood the Hessians would be exhausted with merrymaking, but the distribution of Washington's meagre forces in the onslaught seems like a model of making a great deal out of very small bodies of soldiers.

Washington planned the main attack to come from his own units, who were to cross at McKonkey's Ferry—now Washington Crossing—and move on Trenton by



MAP NO. ONE, showing the general area involved in Washington's retreat and the British pursuit during fall of 1776. Note how Dunk's Ferry, then one of the most important crossings of the Delaware, formed the downstream "anchor" of Washington's main line of defense for Philadelphia.

two roads, the River Road and the Pennington road.

General Ewing, stationed at Morrisville, with a thousand militia, was instructed to cross just below Trenton and at the proper time move on the Hessians from the south. According to developments he would either take them from the rear or impede their retreat.

A British outpost at Bordentown would, under this plan, be in the rear of Ewing's troops, and Washington's plan for distracting their attention is the phase of his program which involved Dunk's Ferry.

The third substantial part of Washington's army was stationed at Bristol under General Cadwalader. Washington's plan called for these troops to move downstream (remember, it was winter, and observers across the Delaware could watch troop movements much of the time) till they came to Dunk's Ferry. Here, under cover of darkness, they were to embark to the Jersey side, and move through Burlington towards Bordentown in a diversionary action.

Storm Wrecks Plans

In actual trial, this entire plan fell apart when the time came to carry it out. Washington's success is all the more remarkable for the fact that he was able to go ahead with his own part of the attack even after the carefully laid schemes for support collapsed.

A violent winter storm struck the valley on Christmas day. Washington himself forced his way across the river, followed by his Continental soldiers—many of them barefoot and tattered, according to the eye-witness accounts. He continued on to Trenton, and, arriving at dawn (some hours later than planned), caught the Hessians entirely by surprise. The city was captured and the Hessians made prisoners before most of them knew what was happening.

But both of his other detachments failed to get into the attack. General Ewing at Morrisville tried to cross and turned back. General Cadwalader was prevented by floating ice from reaching New Jersey till the following day, and his main part in the engagement was that of transmitting the happy news of victory to the city of Philadelphia.

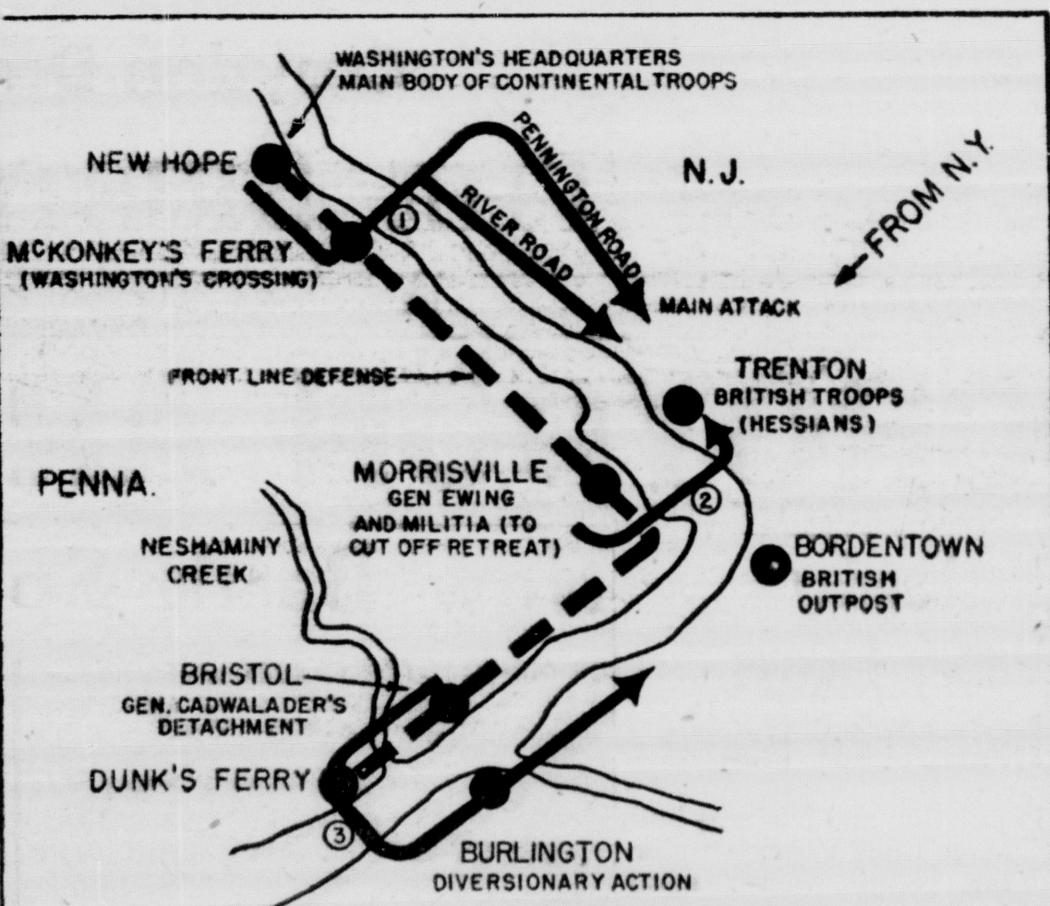
Where Were —

Shamony Ferry? That was the original name of Bridgewater when the King's Great Road crossed Neshaminy Creek at that point.

Dunk's Ferry, New Jersey? Originally the landing in Jersey from Dunk's Ferry, Pennsylvania, was known by the same name. Dunk's Ferry, N. J., is now Beverly.

Harlington? Another early name for Bridgewater.

Maud? That was once the name for the post office now known as Cornwell's Heights.



MAP NO. TWO, showing how General Washington intended the battle of Trenton to be fought. No. 1 in map is Washington's own two-pronged attack on Trenton, the only part of the plan ever carried out. No. 2 is General Ewing's assignment to cross below Trenton and cut off the Hessians' retreat. No. 3, General Cadwalader's orders called for him to cross at Dunk's Ferry and move upstream past Burlington as a diversionary action to screen Washington's main objective. Both Ewing and Cadwalader were so delayed by the storm that they were unable to carry out the assignments. Washington's own troops captured Trenton unaided.

Area's Rapid Growth Forces Fire Companies to Build

All four of the volunteer fire companies in the Croydon-Bensalem area are busy with building programs.

The Croydon Fire Company has moved into a new firehouse, and the Cornwells company is building.

The Union Fire Company, of Cornwells Manor, is enlarging its quarters to accommodate a new fire engine. Eddington Fire Company No. 1, youngest of the four, hasn't yet outgrown the firehouse its members built in 1946, but they are filling in a lot next door to provide parking space, and they plan to build a social hall on the lot at some future date.

In the Day of Horses

Sounding the fire alarm was a call for horses as well as men in 1915, when Cornwells Fire Company No. 1 was founded, the oldest of the four companies. A pair of horses took the engine to fires.

Today, all four companies have modern mechanical equipment and alarm systems. Croydon Fire Company No. 1 is in radio contact with the Bucks County Rescue Squad, Bristol township police and the Edgely and Newportville fire companies. The Cornwells, Union and Eddington companies respond simultaneously to all fire alarms in Lower Bensalem township.

The area guarded by the Croydon, Cornwells, Union and Eddington fire companies extends from the Philadelphia city line to the Bristol borough line, covering a region of many homes and factories. The fire halls are social centers in their respective communities.

Soda Water for Fires

The Cornwells Fire Company, founded by 50 members January 14, 1915, kept its horse-drawn engine in the barn of Frank Dyer, on Station Avenue, before building a firehouse. Ralph Simons' horses answered the fire calls.

Two tanks on the old engine made water pressure by mixing acid and soda. When a pond or creek was used as a water source, the firemen carried the water to the engine in buckets.

Later the Cornwells company retired the wagon and horses, and mounted the same chemical tanks on a Model T Ford chassis. The Ford was traded on a Brockway engine. Today Cornwells has a Warner-France 750-gallon pumper, a Seagrave 500-600-gallon pumping engine and two Army surplus International trucks with 2250-gallon tanks. The company also has a small boat and trailer for water rescues. For several years they used a trailer-truck tank and a Chevrolet 500-gallon tank truck.

Three Still Active

Three of the 50 founders are still active firemen in the Cornwells company—Edward Dyer, Joseph Smith and Wilbur Smith.

J. A. Simons was the company's first president. First in the other offices were A. T. Lippincott, secretary; Otto Zschamisch, treasurer, and trustees: John Lauterbach, Lemuel Vandergrift and Joseph Corson.

John H. Page was the first fire chief. Aiding him were Ralph Simons, first assistant chief; Charles W. Jenks, second assistant chief and George Bauer, third assistant chief. Succeeding John Page as fire chief were Charles Jenks, Robert Glenn, Joseph Detrich, Albert Wilkinson, Harold Dettmer, Edward Dyer and Elliott Dietrich, down to William Ervin, who has been chief since 1947.

Build Own Firehouse

The new Cornwells firehouse, on the south side of Bristol Pike, is being constructed by the firemen themselves, who will move in soon. The building was begun in May, 1951, on a plot donated by St. Elizabeth Convent.

Made of concrete blocks, with a brick front, the new fire hall has a high engine room flanked by a two-story wing in each side. In each wing is a store which will be rented, and a meeting room is on the second floor.

This will be the third official home of the Cornwells fire company. Their first firehouse, and the one they occupy at present, were both constructed by John Page. The original Cornwells fire hall now houses Bound's Beverage Company.

List of Officers

Present officers of Cornwells Fire Company No. 1 are Chief William Ervin; Edward Dyer, first assistant chief; Elliott Deitch, second assistant; Calvin Freas, third assistant chief; Raymond Eisele, chief of fire police, and Stanley VanSant, engineer.

President of the company is Warren Poston; vice president, Leighton Davis; secretary, J. J. MacIntyre; treasurer, Harold Jackson; and trustees: Calvin Freas, Charles Hanson and Stanley VanSant.

The fire company Ladies' Auxiliary, which arranges social functions and fund drives, is under the leadership of Mrs. Katherine Barrall, president. Serving with her are: Mrs. Mary Gottsobend, vice president; Mrs. Marie Werden, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Perkins, treasurer; and trustees: Mrs. Helen Miehle, Mrs. Alberta Schueler and Mrs. Viola Kaiser. Chaplain is Mrs. Jean Whyte.

Stage in Firehouse

Quite recently relocated in a new firehouse is Croydon Fire Company No. 1. Their new home, on State Road, is a two-story building designed by George Glace. Geiger & Sons started construction on the new hall and

Bragg Bros. are finishing the work.

On the first floor, behind the engine room, is a meeting room for the firemen and a kitchen, which was furnished by the Auxiliary. Upstairs is an auditorium with stage for public events.

The building houses the following equipment: A Mack 500-gallon combination pumper and booster engine, a U. S. Army surplus 750-gallon pumper-booster, a Diamond T chemical truck, and a 1½-ton Chevrolet emergency truck which was an Army ambulance. The emergency vehicle is equipped with grapples, hooks and acetylene torches. The Croydon firemen also have a boat, outboard motor and trailer.

Has Wide Area

The company serves the area bounded by the Delaware River, Neshaminy Creek, Newportville Road, Mapleshade, and the southwest Bristol borough line.

In July, 1923, the Croydon fire company was chartered, but it was actually started before that. About 1918 the Croydon Improvement Association made a fire engine of a Marmon touring car. Among the pioneer firemen were: William Seibold, John Cohn, William Knight, Thomas Lever, Benjamin Girard, George Eshbacher, Otto Grupp, Sr., Thomas Roberts, Henry Gleason, Sr., William Black, Sr., Edward Kelly, John Busby, Robert Sanderson and Charles Friday, Sr.

Before chartering, the firemen traded the Marmon on a Model T Ford Minute Man, with soda and acid tanks. The old firehouse was built before they chartered. About 1926 they purchased a Reo Speedwagon pumper, which was later traded on new equipment.

Chief 15 Years

Linford K. Morgan, first fire chief of the Croydon company, held office for 15 years, and was succeeded by his son, Linford J. Morgan. William H. Smith, successor to the younger Morgan, has been fire chief since 1941.

Assistant fire chief is Raymond Hopkins. Captains are Harry Beck, Howard Polk and Bart Gable.

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Delayed by War

A fund drive to build a new Croydon firehouse was started a dozen years ago, but was delayed by the outbreak of World War II. The sponsors, an organization of businessmen and firemen of the community, had started the fund going by raising \$10,000. The site of the new firehouse was contributed long before by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Officers of the Auxiliary are: Mrs. Dorothy Weisenger, president; Mrs. Dorothy Camel, vice president; Mrs. Jane Morgan, see-

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Branch Offers Region Many New Conveniences

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By John Hulme, a wealthy merchant in the period when Hulmeville was the county's main business center, the Bank opened its doors for business on January 17, 1815.

The early life of the Bank was in a time of great financial trouble in the country. There was no established currency backed by the government, and the banks themselves issued paper money down to the time of the Civil War. One of the first purchases of the Farmers Bank was engraved plates to print such money.

Thousands of dollars of the Bank's currency has been circulated, and every bit of it ever presented to the Bank was paid off at the face value.

Moves to Bristol

Some of this was outstanding for many years. For example, a \$10 bill issued March 29, 1815, was redeemed 94 years later, in 1909. Another note, issued August 1, 1861, was presented and paid on November 30, 1949.

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At the time of the Bank's 100th anniversary, as covered in the statement of December 22, 1914, the assets stood at \$1,609,815.80.

Since that date, the Bank's assets have shot up at a phenomenal rate, which was checked only briefly by the Depression. Three years ago, on November 1, 1949, they stood at \$10,200,579.86, and as of last October 15 they were \$17,248,854.30.

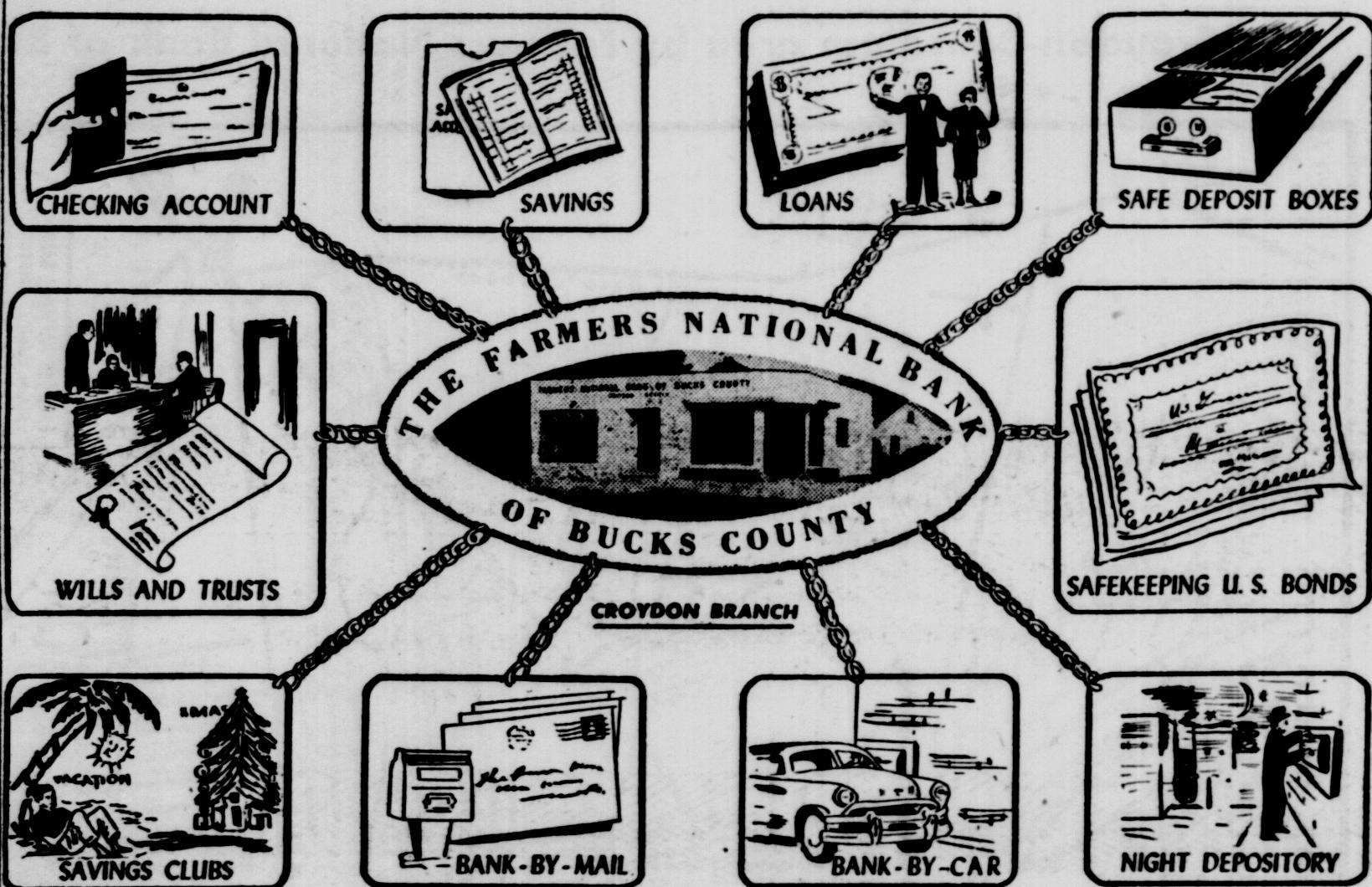
Earlier this year the Bank opened much-enlarged, rebuilt quarters at its main building on Radcliffe Street, Bristol.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County is as follows:

Chairman of the Board, Joseph B. Grundy, a director since 1909; President of the Bank, Louis C. Spring, director since 1943; Vice President of the Bank, Jacob C. Schmidt, Sr., director since 1927; Cashier and Trust Officer, John C. Johnson, director since 1947; Clarence W. Winter (1924); Lester B. Shoemaker (1933); Edward L. Helwig (1940); Edgar J. Spencer (1947); Sheridan Metz (1951); Thomas R. James (1951); Elmer B. Van Sant (1952). Harold F. Hunter Assistant Cashier and Assistant Trust Officer of the Bank; Ralph Ratcliffe is Assistant Cashier.

COMFORT CONVENIENCE SAFETY



Which of these many services can YOU use?

AUTOMOBILE LOANS

Loans for the financing of purchase of automobiles.

BANK MONEY ORDERS

A method of remitting money where the sender has no bank account.

BANK BY MAIL

Checks may be endorsed (For Deposit Only). If it is necessary to mail cash it should be registered and insured.

BOND AND COUPON COLLECTION

Matured bonds and coupons may be deposited with the bank for collection.

BUSINESS MORTGAGE LOANS

Mortgages against business properties to furnish long term capital needs.

CASHIERS CHECKS

CERTIFIED CHECKS

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Individual accounts, joint accounts with right of survivorship, partnership accounts and business accounts.

CHRISTMAS CLUB

COMMERCIAL LOANS

Loans to businesses for short term notes.

CONSUMERS' HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE LOANS

Loans to finance the purchase of refrigerators, furniture, stoves, television sets and other household appliances.

CONSTRUCTION LOANS

Loans made for the purpose of financing the construction of properties.

CREDIT INFORMATION

May only be given with the permission of the depositor. At the request of the depositor information will be given by the bank in order to establish credit.

CUSTOMERS' CONFERENCE ROOMS

DEPOSITORY

For school, municipal and federal funds.

DISCOUNTING OF TRADE NOTES

\$49,685.95

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DRAFT COLLECTION

Drafts drawn on out-of-town businesses may be left with this bank for collection.

EQUIPMENT LOANS

Loans may be secured by chattel mortgages against equipment.

ESCROW AGENT

Funds may be left with the bank in escrow pending termination of definite agreements between two or more parties.

EXCHANGE OF FOREIGN MONEY

FARNAT ACCOUNTS

A special Checking Account may be maintained without a minimum balance by purchasing a book of checks at the rate of \$1.00 for each 10 checks.

GUARANTEE SIGNATURES

This bank may guarantee signatures on stock certificates or registered bonds for the purpose of completing transfers.

LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION

LIFE INSURANCE LOANS

Paid up life insurance or life insurance with a cash surrender value may be used as security for loans.

LINES OF CREDIT

Lines of credit may be granted in order that businesses may have more flexibility in their borrowing.

MODERNIZATION LOANS

For improvements to homes.

MUNICIPAL FINANCING

Loans to municipalities or school districts to cover budget needs.

NIGHT DEPOSITORY

For convenience in making after-hour deposits.

NOTE COLLECTION

Notes may be left with the bank for collection or will be forwarded by the bank to place a payment for collection.

PAYROLL ACCOUNTS

For businesses or industries.

PERSONAL LOANS

Granted where warranted.

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE LOANS

RECORDAK FACILITIES

REMITTANCES OF FOREIGN FUNDS

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

SAVINGS BONDS

United States Savings Bonds may be purchased or redeemed at the bank and are also kept in safe-keeping.

SCHOOL THRIFT PROGRAM

Both borough and township schools have been provided Savings programs for graduation and Washington trip purposes.

SECURITY LOANS

Loans made on marketable stocks and bonds.

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

SOCIAL SECURITY DEPOSITORY

Receipts issued for Social Security payments made to bank and the funds are remitted to the proper authorities.

STOCK PURCHASE AND SALES

TAX PAYMENT LOANS

Loans made to facilitate payment of taxes.

TRAVELERS CHEQUES

VACATION CLUB

VALUABLES STORAGE

Storage space available for temporary storage of silver or valuables in the vaults of the bank.

WITHHOLDING TAX DEPOSITORY

This bank issues receipts for withholding tax payments made to the bank and remittances made of withholding tax to proper authorities.

TRUST DEPARTMENT

Dependable council service making wills and creating trusts. Expert settlement of estates. Guardians of minors and incompetents. Trustees for living Trusts and Estates.

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MILLIONS OF ASSETS

WATCH US GROW! Diagram shows how the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County has grown since it was organized in 1815. Note especially the sensational way assets have soared in the last few years, as the industrial development of Lower Bucks County has gone into high gear.

Croydon Area Justly Proud of Rescue Squad

One of the institutions of which the Croydon area is most proud, and which has been acclaimed throughout Lower Bucks County, is the Bucks County Rescue Squad.

By Harry A. Eckert, Jr.

Publicity Director
Bucks County Rescue Squad

Founded in 1932 and dedicated to saving lives, the primary purpose for the first year was to prevent, or assist at the scene of, drownings in the area of Croydon. During 1933, seeing the need of an ambulance, the Squad secured a decrepit hearse and converted it into an ambulance which answered accident calls and was housed wherever possible.

In 1935 the Squad obtained headquarters and had two ambulances in service, with crews on duty at all times to answer calls which numbered 120 during that year.

By 1938 the membership had increased to 45, and the area being covered was from Philadelphia City Line to Morrisville and Washington Crossing, answering 400 calls a year.

Prepare for Disasters

A steel boat was obtained in 1940, as well as a resuscitator, and a Stokes stretcher for rescue and drowning work, and also field hospital equipment for use in disaster work or where large numbers of persons were injured and had to be treated on the scene. This equipment was also used at auto races or large picnics where big crowds gathered out of doors. Seven hundred calls were answered that year.

In 1942 a new headquarters, with a four-vehicle garage, was completed and designated a Civilian Defense Field Hospital. The personnel was incorporated into the Civilian Defense Medical Corps. A total of 852 calls was answered, with 26,450 miles being traveled, requiring 7400 man hours of duty throughout that year.

Due to the numerous drownings during 1943, the Bucks County Marine Association was organized, now known as the Inter-State Marine Association.

Buy Third Ambulance

Increased calls for ambulance transportation during 1944 made necessary the purchase of a third ambulance to handle the volume of work. In line with the policy of adding new equipment as needed, the Squad bought oxygen tents for use in patients' homes in cases of pneumonia and heart attack. Calls numbering 1016 were answered, 30,019 miles were traveled and 10,309 man hours of duty worked.

Because of the prevalence of polio in 1945 the Squad obtained an outright donation from Fleetwings Patriot Club of an adult iron lung, an auxiliary lung and a baby iron lung and incubator combination.

Several large fires and bus accidents led to the acquisition of a rescue and lighting truck. The Squad also increased its oxygen equipment and was instrumental in saving the lives of twelve victims of coal gas poisoning during the winter of 1946.

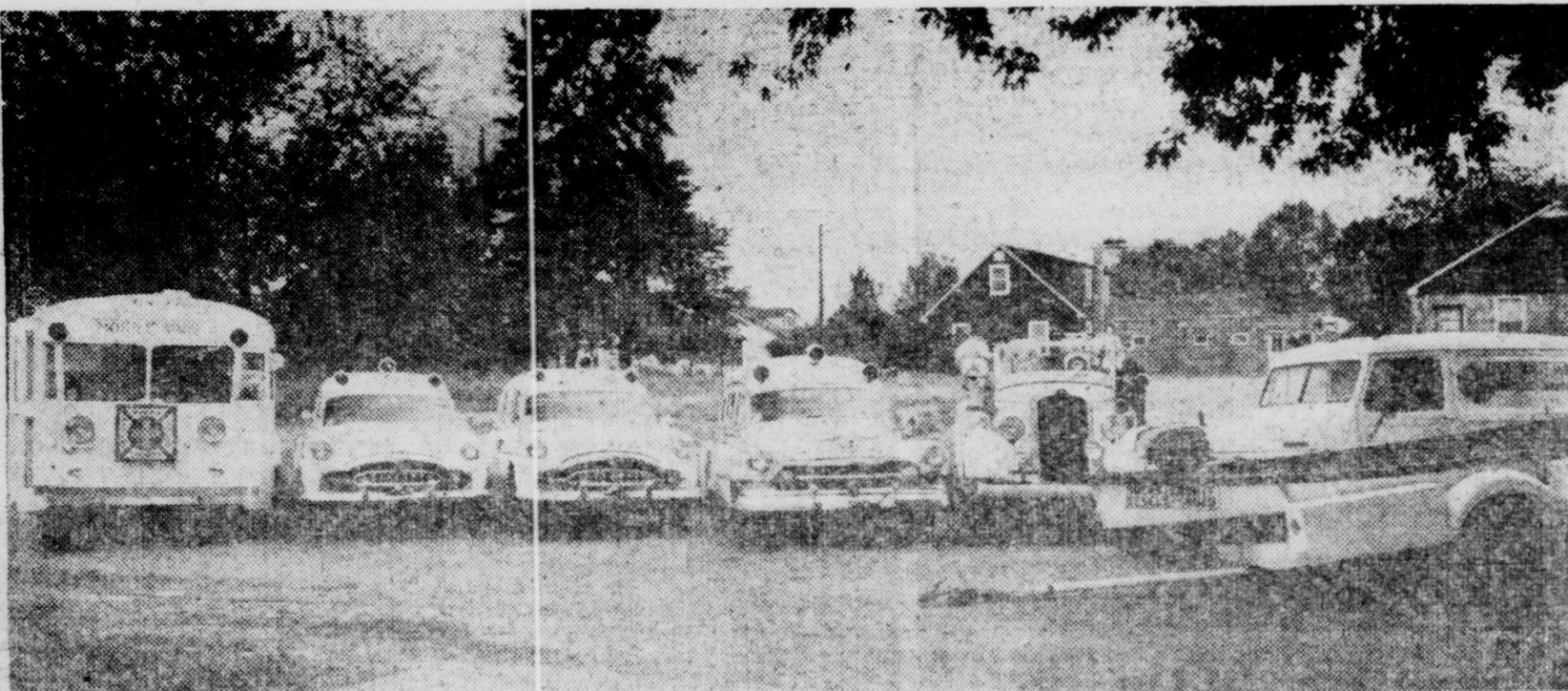
Lend Home Equipment

Overcrowding of hospital during 1948 made necessary another service — supplying wheel chairs, crutches and hospital beds for use in homes of sick or injured. Officers of the squad assisted in forming the International Association of First-Aid and Rescue Squads to further the first-aid movement throughout the United States, Canada and other countries.

During 1949 the Squad organized the Pennsylvania Association of First-Aid and Rescue Squads, banding together the volunteer first-aid units of the state into a single organization. There was started also an extensive first-aid training program in this area, which was needed because of the let-down in first-aid training since the end of the war. Sick and injured numbering 1254 were transported, 40,420 miles traveled, and 450 pints of blood supplied.

Paint Vehicles White

The Squad built its Twin Coach Mobile Unit in 1950, containing four bunk beds and an operating table with lights and all equipment needed by physicians and surgeons in case of disaster. This has equipment enough to treat 200 victims of accidents at one time, thus supplementing the field service equipment and being available to handle the first-aid needs of the largest crowds.



ROLLING EQUIPMENT of the Bucks County Rescue Squad, all of which can be controlled and guided, or can communicate with each other, by means of two-way radio sets in the vehicles.

In 1951 the Squad had all its mobile equipment painted uniform white to help motorists recognize the vehicles as emergency machines.

The Squad answered 1401 calls, transported 1510 patients, traveled 49,996 miles, and put in 18,112 man hours of duty.

In the early part of 1952 the Squad installed a radio station at its headquarters, and equipped the ambulances with two-way radio sets. Two walkie-talkie sets were obtained to help in rescue or disaster work. The radio station also is used by Bristol Township, Bensalem Township and Levittown police departments over their two-way automobile sets. The station is operated by voluntary personnel.

New Oxygen Truck

Increased calls for oxygen equipment, especially for oxygen tents, necessitated the obtaining of a vehicle to transport such equipment, and a special truck was built for this purpose.

On March 1 the Squad answered its fifteen thousandth call, having traveled a total of 535,510 miles, using twelve ambulances, during the twenty years of service.

The group of men and women who make up the Bucks County Rescue Squad receive no pay for their work, and they are the largest and best-equipped volunteer ambulance-rescue squad in the United States today.

The Squad extends a standing invitation to all interested persons to visit the headquarters and inspect the equipment.

Neshaminy Valley Enjoys Industrial Boom

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Page One, SUPPLEMENT

City Line at Andalusia all the way to Bristol Borough was essentially what it had been since the days of the first settlement — a splendid residential district, with great estates and small dwellings intermingled, and active farms spread in between.

The First World War, which did much to develop other parts of lower Bucks County, such as the section in and around Bristol itself, made barely a dent in the riverbelt on both sides of Croydon.

There were, of course, some war plants now largely forgotten — some important sand and gravel operations, a project for making wooden cargo carriers, and the like. These have disappeared so completely that many residents would not even know where to look for their sites.

But the Second World War gave the area an industrial impetus which other factors developing since then have greatly encouraged.

The last twenty years have seen a sort of revolution in industry, when it comes to the type of manufacturing most in demand.

Electronics has risen from nowhere to be one of the great businesses of the world. So with the varied chemical industries. Likewise, the making of containers of newer materials and designs has ceased to be what it once was, a mere sideline, and became a large industry of its own.

Other economic factors have played a part. For instance, the basing-point decision of the Federal courts has had the effect of making nearness to market centers highly important — and no area is closer to the major markets



RESCUE AND LIGHTING truck, an important recent addition to the Bucks County Rescue Squad's equipment. Those manning it are, left to right, Bill Moyer, Gordon Gilbert, Irvin Wong, Tom Bevan, Jim Patterson, Francis Lippincott, Bob Brenner, Warren Jennings and Harry Eckert.

of the United States, and to the main export points, than is the Croydon-Bensalem region.

Or to mention another trend — within only a few years the whole living habits of millions of American workers have changed. Reliance on individually owned automobiles as a means of getting to and from work has become the rule instead of the exception, and there is a mass movement away from crowded metropolitan sections into suburban districts with one-family homes.

The Croydon-Bensalem center is one point on a corridor which is rapidly becoming the most important production line on the face of the earth and in the history of the world — a line which starts at Baltimore, hits through Wilmington to Philadelphia, on up through Trenton and New Brunswick past New York City over into Connecticut.

No magician ever produced more marvels than have happened in that golden belt of production, and no similar area beneath the heavens offers civilization more promise for the future.

Thousands of items are produced in that belt in greater quantity than in all the rest of the world combined.

And from machine parts to roller bearings, and from forged tools to precision instruments, here are made also the devices without which most of the rest of the world's production would bog down.

It may be that to some living on the banks of the Delaware River industrialization is coming as an unwelcome guest, disturbing the serenity and quiet which this region enjoyed so long.

But the march of the forces of production into this part of the state is as irresistible as the changing of the seasons.

The territory within six or eight miles of the new branch of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County is witnessing the ending of one era and the beginning of another.

Consider the industrial plants which have come into that section in recent years:

Rohm & Haas Company, Inc., chemicals and plastics; Philco Corporation, radio equipment; Madsen Machine and Foundry Co.; Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co., chemicals; Publicker Industries, Inc., commercial alcohol; Seaboard Container Corporation, cardboard containers; Railway Specialties Co., bolts and forgings; Badenhausen Division of Riley Stoker Corporation, boilers; Schutte & Koerting, valves, fittings and condensers; Cornwells Industries, Inc.; Eddington Metal Specialties Co.; Cornwells Chemical Corporation; E. A. Gerhart Co.; Eppinger & Russell; U. S.

Farmers Bank Officers

Chairman of the Board
(Created 1947)
Joseph R. Grundy 1947-

Presidents

John Hulme	1814-1817
Joseph Hulme	1817-1821
John Newbold	1821-1823
Anthony Taylor	1823-1838
John Paxton	1838-1850
Anthony Burton	1850-1874
Caleb N. Taylor	1874-1887
Pierson Mitchell	1887-1894
Benjamin Taylor	1894-1918
Joseph R. Grundy	1918-1947
Thomas Scott	1947-1949
Louis C. Spring	1949-

Cashiers

George Harrison	1814-1823
William Newbold	1823-1827
Robert C. Beatty	1827-1867
Charles T. Iredell	1867-1882
Charles E. Scott	1882-1924
Thomas Scott	1924-1947
John C. Johnson	1947-

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BANKING HOURS

The Croydon Branch of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County will coordinate its activities and hours with those of the main Bank in Bristol.

Regular banking hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

In addition, the Croydon branch will remain open on THURSDAY from 3 to 6 p.m. Since the Bristol office is open FRIDAY evenings, this will give the entire area a second late day a week for banking purposes.

The Bank's services at the two main buildings are interchangeable — that is, if one has a savings account with the Farmers National Bank, deposits or withdrawals can be made at either the Bristol or the Croydon office.

Report of Condition

THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK OF BUCKS COUNTY BRISTOL, PENNSYLVANIA

At Close of Business October 15, 1952

One Hundred and Thirty-Eight Years of Service

ASSETS

Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 3,740,190.72
U. S. Government Securities	3,850,504.00
Obligations of State and Political Subdivisions	3,095,049.00
Other Bonds and Securities	3,386,288.00
Federal Reserve Stock	52,500.00
Loans and Discounts	2,681,200.60
Real Estate (Banking Houses)	349,795.83
Furniture and Fixtures	59,747.80
Other Real Estate (For Expansion)	20,870.75
Other Assets	12,698.60
	\$17,248,854.30

LIABILITIES

Capital — Common Stock	\$ 500,000.00
Surplus	1,250,000.00
Undivided Profits	189,777.71
Total	\$ 1,919,777.71
Deposits	15,327,305.12
Other Liabilities	1,771.47
	\$17,248,854.30

Trust Funds

(Kept Separate from Assets of This Bank)

Member — Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

TOTAL DIVIDENDS

Dividends paid by Farmers National Bank of Bucks County are as follows:	
As State Bank (1814 to 1864)	\$ 238,595.95
As National Bank (since 1864)	1,675,122.60

Total

\$1,913,718.55

Dunk's Ferry Shared in Famed "Crossing"

The region around the mouth of the Neshaminy Creek played a very considerable part in the dramatic events associated with Washington's crossing the Delaware on Christmas night, 1776, and his subsequent victory at Trenton which was the turning point of the American Revolution.

Dunk's Ferry not only was the downstream pivot or anchor of the line of defense which General Washington threw up to protect Philadelphia from the British Army which was smashing southwest from New York, but the Ferry was to have played an important part in the attack on Trenton, as the military plan was laid out by the Father of His Country.

Lays Careful Plans

General Washington, an able and prudent war leader, deserves more credit for his military skill and foresight than sometimes is accorded him. The British General, Lord Cornwallis, had perhaps the best picture of Washington's military prowess, for Washington eventually hemmed Cornwallis in at Yorktown and forced him to surrender, this ending the Revolutionary War.

Cornwallis spoke in the highest terms of Washington's handling of the military situation in the latter part of 1776, and said that the American General's fame would "gather its brightest laurels" from the events in which Dunk's Ferry took part.

The British drove Washington out of New York and step by step backward across New York during the bloody and unhappy autumn of 1776.

Hides All Boats

By the time he had reached New Brunswick, Washington foresaw that he could not make a successful stand on the eastern side of the Delaware, and he sent detachments ahead to seize all boats and keep them under guard. When on December 8 he finished crossing the river at Trenton, all boats were taken to the western shore and hidden.

Washington faced many problems, one of the biggest of which was the timidity of Congress, at that time meeting in Philadelphia. He knew that if the Quaker City, then the national capital, were to fall at that early stage of the war, the revolution would collapse at once.

He therefore threw the ragged fragments of his army in a long arc of defense, ranging from New Hope on the north to Dunk's Ferry at the south. His main body of troops he stationed just below New Hope, where they held a commanding position to move in whatever direction events called for.

Prepares a "Blitz"

An excellent spy system kept General Washington advised of the movements of the enemy. If they had done what many experts think they shall have undertaken at once—make boats out of the big stores of lumber in Trenton and pursue the attack—he was in a position to make the best defense circumstances permitted. If the British had undertaken to move down the river to Camden, he would have been able to keep his own forces across the river from them at all times.

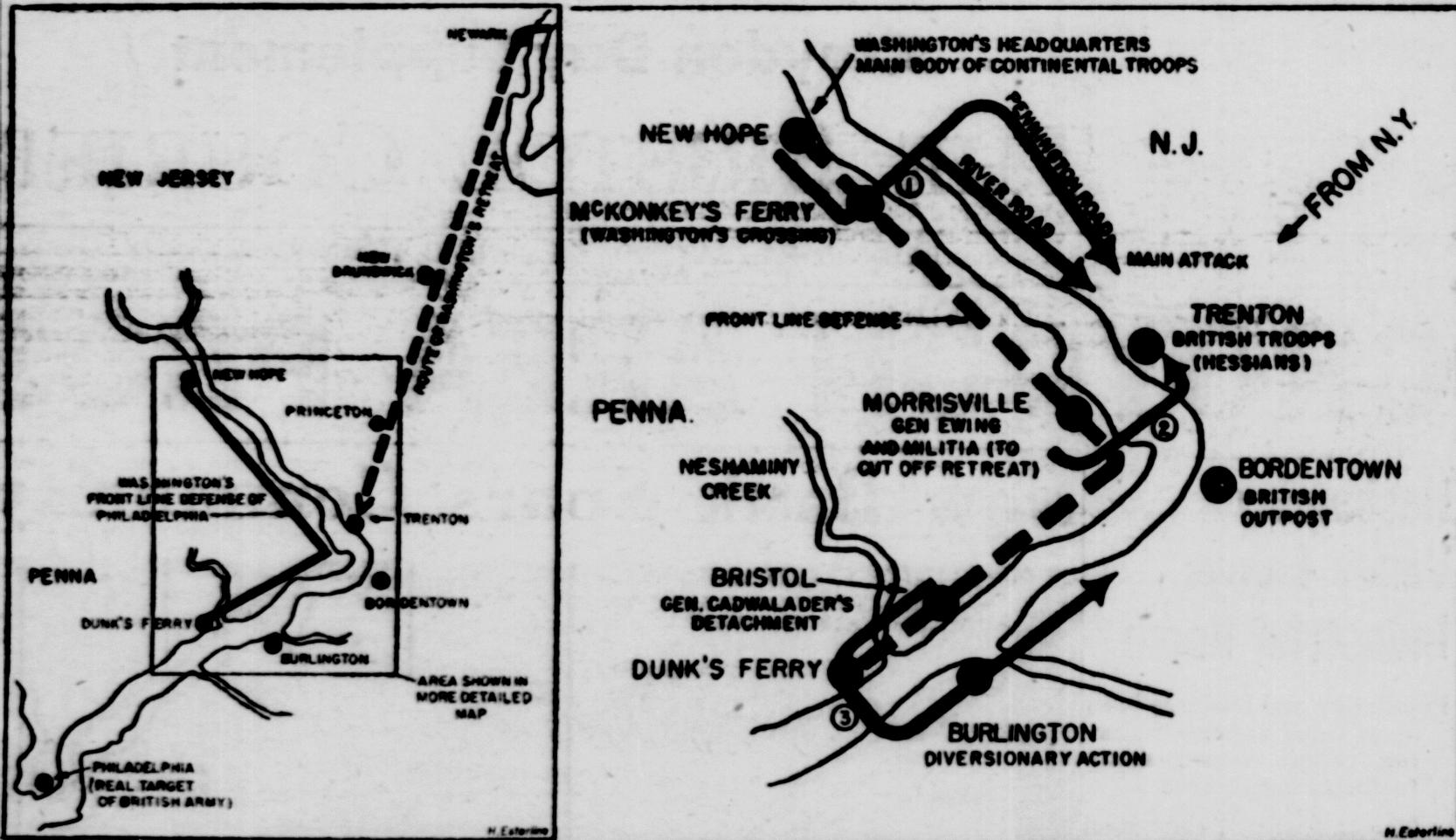
But mere defense did not meet the needs of the crisis, and Washington quickly saw that his possession of all boats gave him great opportunities for the type of surprise attack more currently known to this generation as "blitz."

Picks Best Time

No sooner than he had completed these arrangements as outlined than his correspondence shows him to begin laying his plans for a Christmas day attack on Trenton, where the Hessian mercenaries hired by the British had been stationed.

The plans were laid with much care. Not only was the time selected for the attack—Christmas night—the one when there was the most likelihood the Hessians would be exhausted with merrymaking, but the distribution of Washington's meagre forces in the onrushing seems like a model of making a great deal out of very small bodies of soldiers.

Washington planned the main attack to come from his own units, who were to cross at McKenney's Ferry—now Washington Crossing—and move on Trenton by



MAP NO. ONE, showing the general area involved in Washington's retreat and the British pursuit during fall of 1776. Note how Dunk's Ferry, then one of the most important crossings of the Delaware, formed the downstream "anchor" of Washington's main line of defense for Philadelphia.

two roads, the River Road and the Pennington road.

General Ewing, stationed at Morrisville, with a thousand militia, was instructed to cross just below Trenton and at the proper time move on the Hessians from the south. According to developments he would either take them from the rear or impede their retreat.

A British outpost at Bordentown would, under this plan, be in the rear of Ewing's troops, and Washington's plan for distracting their attention is the phase of his program which involved Dunk's Ferry.

The third substantial part of Washington's army was stationed at Bristol under General Cadwalader. Washington's plan called for these troops to move downstream (remember, it was winter, and observers across the Delaware could watch troop movements much of the time) till they came to Dunk's Ferry. Here, under cover of darkness, they were to embark to the Jersey side, and move through Burlington towards Bordentown in a diversionary action.

Storm Wrecks Plans

In actual trial, this entire plan fell apart when the time came to carry it out. Washington's success is all the more remarkable for the fact that he was able to go ahead with his own part of the attack even after the carefully laid schemes for support collapsed.

A violent winter storm struck the valley on Christmas day. Washington himself forced his way across the river, followed by his Continental soldiers—many of them barefoot and tattered, according to the eye-witness accounts. He continued on to Trenton, and, arriving at dawn (some hours later than planned), caught the Hessians entirely by surprise. The city was captured and the Hessians made prisoners before most of them knew what was happening.

But both of his other detachments failed to get into the attack. General Ewing at Morrisville tried to cross and turned back. General Cadwalader was prevented by floating ice from reaching New Jersey till the following day, and his main part in the engagement was that of transmitting the happy news of victory to the city of Philadelphia.

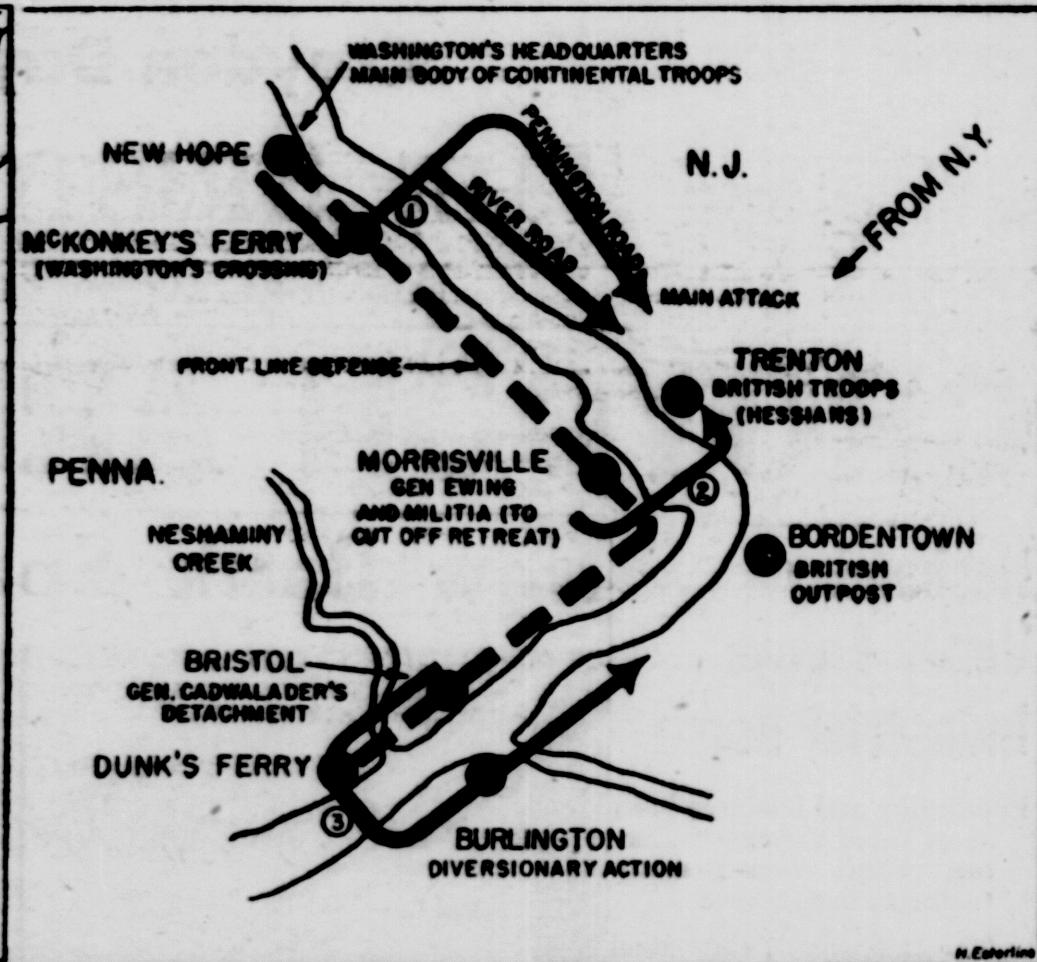
Where Were —

Shamony Ferry? That was the original name of Bridgewater when the King's Great Road crossed Neshaminy Creek at that point.

Dunk's Ferry, New Jersey? Originally the landing in Jersey from Dunk's Ferry, Pennsylvania, was known by the same name. Dunk's Ferry, N. J., is now Bev-Dunk's Ferry.

Harlington? Another early name for Bridgewater.

Man? That was once the name for the post office now known as Cornwell's Heights.



MAP NO. TWO, showing how General Washington intended the battle of Trenton to be fought. No. 1 in map is Washington's own two-pronged attack on Trenton, the only part of the plan ever carried out. No. 2 is General Ewing's assignment to cross below Trenton and cut off the Hessians' retreat. No. 3, General Cadwalader's orders called for him to cross at Dunk's Ferry and move upstream past Burlington as a diversionary action to screen Washington's main objective. Both Ewing and Cadwalader were so delayed by the storm that they were unable to carry out the assignments. Washington's own troops captured Trenton unaided.

Area's Rapid Growth Forces Fire Companies to Build

All four of the volunteer fire companies in the Croydon-Bensalem area are busy with building programs.

The Croydon Fire Company has moved into a new firehouse, and the Cornwells company is building.

The Union Fire Company, of Cornwells Manor, is enlarging its quarters to accommodate a new fire engine. Eddington Fire Company No. 1, youngest of the four, hasn't yet outgrown the firehouse its members built in 1946, but they are filling in a lot next door to provide parking space, and they plan to build a social hall on the lot at some future date.

In the Day of Horses

Sounding the fire alarm was a call for horses as well as men in 1915, when Cornwells Fire Company No. 1 was founded, the oldest of the four companies. A pair of horses took the engine to fires.

Today, all four companies have modern mechanical equipment and alarm systems. Croydon Fire Company No. 1 is in radio contact with the Bucks County Rescue Squad, Bristol township police and the Edgely and Newportville fire companies. The Cornwells, Union and Eddington companies respond simultaneously to all fire alarms in Lower Bensalem township.

The area guarded by the Croydon, Cornwells, Union and Eddington fire companies extends from the Philadelphia city line to the Bristol borough line, covering a region of many homes and factories. The fire halls are social centers in their respective communities.

Soda Water for Fires

The Cornwells Fire Company, founded by 50 members January 14, 1915, kept its horse-drawn engine in the barn of Frank Dyer, on Station Avenue, before building a firehouse. Ralph Simons' horses answered the fire calls.

Two tanks on the old engine made water pressure by mixing acid and soda. When a pond or creek was used as a water source, the firemen carried the water to the engine in buckets.

Later the Cornwells company retired the wagon and horses, and mounted the same chemical tanks on a Model T Ford chassis. The Ford was traded on a Brockway engine. Today Cornwells has a Warner-France 750-gallon pumper, a Seagrave 500-600-gallon pumping engine and two Army surplus International trucks with 2250-gallon tanks. The company also has a small boat and trailer for water rescues. For several years they used a trailer-truck tank and a Chevrolet 500-gallon tank truck.

Three Still Active

Three of the 50 founders are still active firemen in the Cornwells company—Edward Dyer, Joseph Smith and Wilber Smith.

J. A. Simons was the company's first president. First in the other offices were A. T. Lippincott, secretary; Otto Zschamisch, treasurer, and trustees: John Lauterback, Lemuel Vandergift and Joseph Corson.

John H. Page was the first fire chief. Aiding him were Ralph Simons, first assistant chief; Charles W. Jenks, second assistant chief and George Bauer, third assistant chief.

Succeeding John Page as fire chief were Charles Jenks, Robert Glenn, Joseph Detrich, Albert Wilkinson, Harold Dettmer, Edward Dyer and Elliott Detrich, down to William Ervin, who has been chief since 1947.

Build Own Firehouse

The new Cornwells firehouse, on the south side of Bristol Pike, is being constructed by the firemen themselves, who will move in soon. The building was begun in May 1951, on a plot donated by St. Elizabeth Convent.

Made of concrete blocks, with a brick front, the new fire hall has a high engine room flanked by a two-story wing in each side. In each wing is a store which will be rented, and a meeting room is on the second floor.

This will be the third official home of the Cornwells fire company. Their first firehouse, and the one they occupy at present, were both constructed by John Page. The original Cornwells fire hall now houses Bound's Beverage Company.

List of Officers

Present officers of Cornwells Fire Company No. 1 are Chief William Ervin; Edward Dyer, first assistant chief; Elliott Detrich, second assistant chief; Calvin Freas, third assistant chief; Raymond Eisele, chief of fire police, and Stanley VanSant, engineer.

President of the company is Warren Poston; vice president, Leighton Davis; secretary, J. J. MacIntyre; treasurer, Harold Jackson; and trustees: Calvin Freas, Charles Hanson and Stanley VanSant.

The fire company Ladies' Auxiliary, which arranges social functions and fund drives, is under the leadership of Mrs. Katherine Barrall, president. Serving with her are: Mrs. Mary Gottsobend, vice president; Mrs. Marie Werden, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Perkins, treasurer; and trustees: Mrs. Helen Miehle, Mrs. Alberta Schueler and Mrs. Viola Kaiser. Chaplain is Mrs. Jean Whyte.

Stage in Firehouse

Quite recently relocated in a new firehouse in Croydon Fire Company No. 1. Their new home, on State Road, is a two-story building designed by George Giese, Geiger & Sons started construction on the new hall and

Bragg Bros. are finishing the work. On the first floor, behind the engine room, is a meeting room for the firemen and a kitchen, which was furnished by the Auxiliary. Upstairs is an auditorium with stage for public events.

The building houses the following equipment: A Mack 500-gallon combination pumper and booster engine, a U. S. Army surplus 750-gallon pumper-booster, a Diamond T chemical truck, and a 1½-ton Chevrolet emergency truck which was an Army ambulance. The emergency vehicle is equipped with grapples, hooks and acetylene torches. The Croydon firemen also have a boat, outboard motor and trailer.

Has Wide Area

The company serves the area bounded by the Delaware River, Neshaminy Creek, Newportville Road, Mapleshade, and the southwest Bristol borough line.

In July, 1923, the Croydon fire company was chartered, but it was actually started before that. About 1918 the Croydon Improvement Association made a fire engine of a Marmon touring car. Among the pioneer firemen were: William Seibold, John Cohn, William Knight, Thomas Lever, Benjamin Girard, George Esbacher, Otto Grupp, Sr., Thomas Roberts, Henry Gleason, Sr., William Black, Sr., Edward Kelly, John Busby, Robert Sanderson and Charles Fribday, Sr.

Before chartering, the firemen traded the Marmon on a Model T Ford Minute Man, with soda and acid tanks. The old firehouse was built before they chartered. About 1926 they purchased a Reo Speedwagon pumper, which was later traded on new equipment.

Chief 15 Years

Linford K. Morgan, first fire chief of the Croydon company, held office for 15 years, and was succeeded by his son, Linford J. Morgan. William H. Smith, successor to the younger Morgan, has been fire chief since 1941.

Assistant fire chief is Raymond Hopkins. Captains are Harry Beck, Howard Polk and Bart Gable.

Francis F. Fishburne is president of the company. Fred Kutzler is vice president; William L. Johnson, Sr., treasurer; George Gleason, financial secretary; Ross Hendrickson, secretary. Trustees are: George Gleason, Howard Polk and Louis Rolston.

Delayed by War

A fund drive to build a new Croydon firehouse was started a dozen years ago, but was delayed by the outbreak of World War II. The sponsors, an organization of businessmen and firemen of the community, had started the fund going by raising \$10,000. The site of the new firehouse was contributed long before by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Officers of the Auxiliary are: Mrs. Dorothy Weisenger, president; Mrs. Dorothy Camel, vice president; Mrs. Jane Morgan, secretary. *Continued on Page Five, SUPPLEMENT*



EVERGREENS, monumental residence once occupied by founder of Croydon, will soon fall before the march of progress.



CHINA HALL, mansion with fascinating and varied history. It was built early in

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at the Trevese Road, which is believed to have been built between 1661 and 1685. From this building the Grewdons administered their "great tract" of about ten thousand acres, embracing most of what is now Bensalem.

Croyland Lodge, sometimes referred to as Croydon Lodge and situated at Upper Newportville and Doylestown Roads, was constructed in the early 1700's. The builder of the mansion was Thomas Barnsley, a captain in His Majesty's 60th Royal American Regiment of Foot.

At Flushing stands the grey-stone Patton estate. On this site Dr. John Rodman erected a dwelling.

His son William almost 200 years ago stuck his buttonwood riding switch into the ground beside a spring. That switch has grown into what is one of the largest trees east of the Rocky Mountains. The tree was struck by lightning 17 years ago, but one limb from the enormous trunk is bearing leaves and shows signs of renewed life and vigor.

Before the plantation on which the house stood was named Flushing, it was known as Rodmunda. The manor house itself at the end of the last century was known as Esperanza. It once bore the name of Penryth. Deeds for the property run back to William Penn.

The present house was erected in 1861 after the old homestead built 146 years earlier was torn down. A Murry McIlvain owned it at about the turn of the century. Descendants of the late Senator Patton are owners of the estate.

Farley, at the turn of the century the residence of James Moore, stood on a hill west of the Neshaminy which commanded an excellent view of the bridge carrying Bristol Pike across the creek at Bridgewater. The manor house was taken down about five years ago, and a land developer's office building is being constructed on the foundation walls.

The Williamson graveyard, not far from the spot on which Farley stood, contains the remains of Danksen Williams or Williamson, for whom Dunk's Ferry was named. The marker gives the date of his death as 1700.

Farley was the ancestral estate of the Shippen family. It is reported that Margaret Shippen, who married Benedict Arnold, spent much of her young life there and possibly was born there.

On Newportville Road, on the east bank of the Neshaminy, is "Lansdowne," which has been converted into apartments. This mansion before 1900 was owned for

three generations by the Hulme family, the family for which Hulmeville was named. A part of the mansion has stood since about 1700. In digging the cellar Indian tools were found.

Walnut Grove, the estate of former Senator Joseph R. Grundy, stands at the intersection of Newportville and Bristol Roads. It was built about 1865 by the Senator's grandfather, Edmund Grundy.

Sunbury Farms sits on a terrace overlooking the Neshaminy, a little above Walnut Grove, on Newportville Road. It was purchased in 1808 by Anthony Taylor. It had previously had at least one other owner and is noted in histories of the area as an extremely old house.

Anthony Taylor was at one time the largest landowner in the county. He became interested in the Farmers Bank of Bucks County and is credited with being responsible for the decision to move the Bank from Hulmeville to Bristol. He was president of the Bank for many years.

Perhaps the most famous residence along the river in Bensalem township is Andalusia, the Biddle family's estate. The oldest part of the mansion was erected in 1794.

Widely known too is Mount Pleasant, presently owned by members of the Grupp family. Formerly it was the residence of the Vandergrifts, descendants of one of the oldest families in the area.

Mount Pleasant was at one time owned by Benjamin Franklin's brother-in-law, and the first lightning rod is said to have been placed on the house by Franklin's direction.

Dunk's Ferry Hotel was built in 1714, according to the present owner. The original inn contained four rooms. The residence into which it has been remodeled contains 12 rooms. The front section of the house is the oldest. The remainder of the house has been added during renovations made during the last century and again in 1925.

Red Lion Inn, on Bristol Pike at the Philadelphia City Line, is known to have been in existence since 1730. It was a horse-change place for the post boys, and a stop-over for the New York stage. On the grounds adjacent to the inn, Washington's troops camped for a night during their southward march to Yorktown.

The lower part is new, but the upper part, which is older, is of hard stone, which is said to have been imported from England.

A Colonial hostelry of the area which has been reconstructed into a beautiful residence is the Halfway House in Cornwells.

A license was issued for the conductance of an inn in Cornwells as



FORD INN, now a private residence on Bridgewater side of the Neshaminy at Rou 13, carries viewers back to days of many generations ago.

early as 1744, and it is believed that the Halfway House is the inn for which this license was granted. The present owner states that he has in his possession deeds of the inn dating back to about 1810 and that his oldest document mentions the existence of an even older deed.

CROYDON FOUNDER'S HOME STILL STANDS

The mansion into which the founder of Croydon moved in 1867 still stands, though in a poor state of repair and probably doomed to be torn down within a few years. It is a large and awkwardly shaped dwelling standing just west of the Philco plant in Croydon. Originally named "Evergreens," the structure at one time stood in the center of a beautifully landscaped park running down to the waters of Neshaminy creek.

The building itself is falling apart, and the grounds long ago became so overgrown that it is next to impossible to make one's way around them, let alone picture the beauty which they once possessed.

Evergreens belongs to one of the awkward stages of American architecture. With less decoration and more consistency of style perhaps something could have been made of it. But it is a strange mixture of Pennsylvania Dutch square-block buildings topped with a distinctly Spanish tower, and flanked with a long low veranda built early in the 18th century.

This ancient structure, though not in the best of repair, still retains a great deal of its original appearance, and is most imposing when viewed from certain angles.

It was built by a Dutch envoy

to China and incorporates in its structure many lines adapted from Chinese architecture, as well as containing souvenirs from the Orient. At one time silver bell tinkled in a cupola atop the Hall but these disappeared long ago.

The builder was Andreas Van Braam Houckgeest, Hollander. At the time he built the Hall already had a long history. It had been sold by William Penn to Richard Noble in 1682 and subsequently leased to William Penn, Jr. It was known that time as Rocky Mount. During one period the race horse which was then the most famous in the country—Messenger—was stable on the property. Joseph Bonaparte is said to have been so charmed with the place during a visit that he considered buying it.

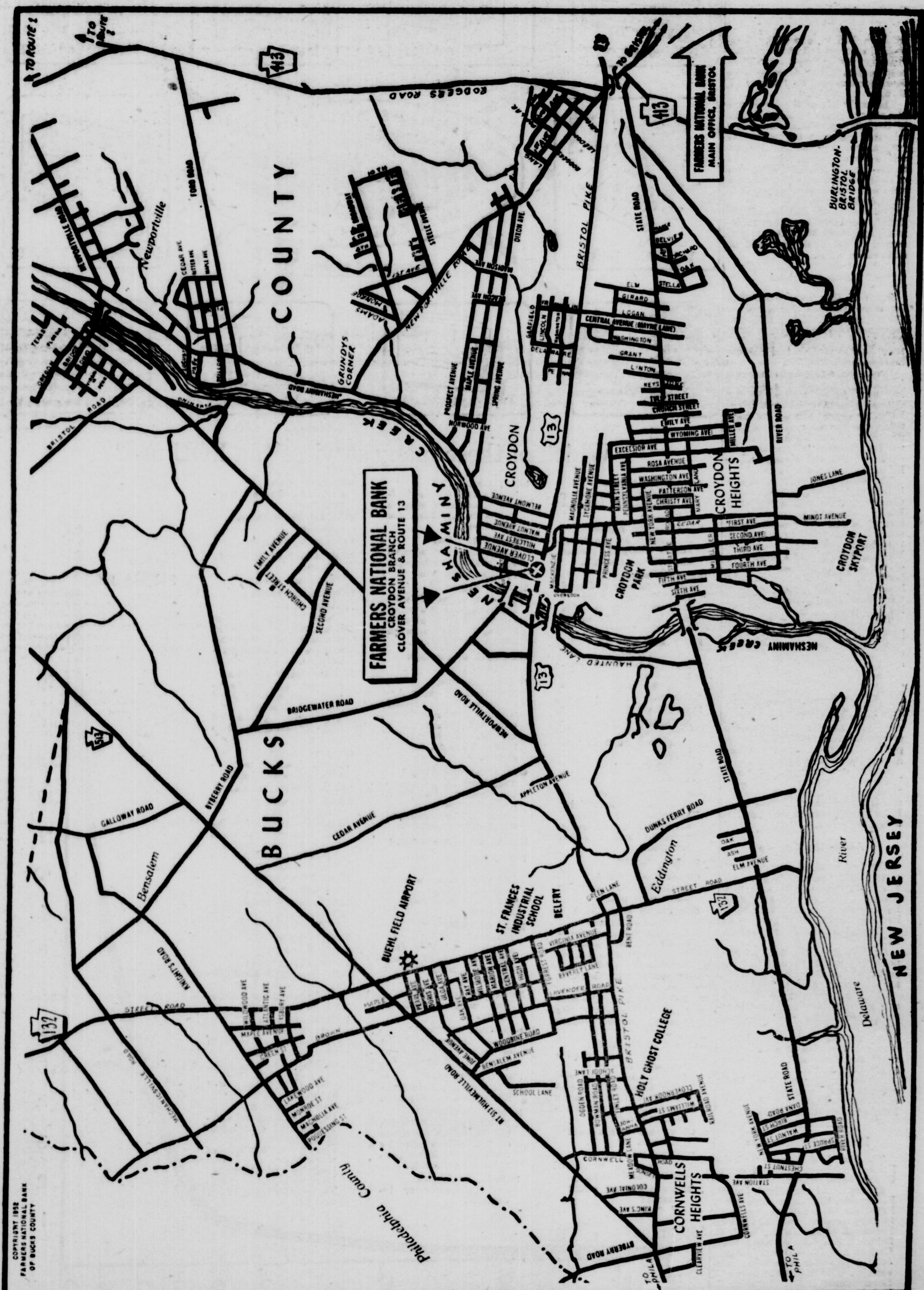
In the Civil War period the building was used as a hospital and later as a school for children of Negroes who served in the Union Army.

More recently, on June 15, 1952, former Mayor Mackey of Philadelphia dedicated the structure, parts of which had been elaborately restored, as a retreat for aged persons.

At present it is used by the owner, George Wilkins, as a summer home for deaf children. Mr. Wilkins is proprietor of the Gallaway Mission, 823 Vine Street, Philadelphia.

Inside the Hall, and only rarely played by the caretaker, Eli Snover, on special occasions, is a strange and fanciful collection of curios. There is, for example,

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CROYDON AREA PROSPERS

Neshaminy Valley Enjoys Industrial Boom

Population and business both show rapid expansion during recent years; many factories locate here

The Delaware Valley steel boom has shoved industrial expansion of the Croydon-Bensalem area into high gear.

Opening of a branch bank in Croydon, bringing to the region all the advantages of financial contacts and facilities, is merely the latest step in the rapid development which has been going on in recent months.

Even before the Fairless Steel plant at Morrisville set off an economic time bomb in lower Bucks County, the Croydon-Bensalem area had been booming.

In twenty years great sections of Bensalem which formerly were fields and farms had been developed into small home settlements. The population has more than doubled during that period.

A generation ago most of the countryside from the Philadelphia

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CIVIC ASSOCIATION AIDS CROYDON AREA

Problems of the Croydon area are passed upon by the Bristol Township Civic Association, which is now in its third year.

The association meets on the second Monday of each month, 8 p.m., using each of the township's three firehouses in turn—Croydon, Newingtonville and Edgely. Officers are: President, Albert H. Rogers, Jr.; Croydon Manor; vice-president, Philip T. Workman, Croydon; treasurer, Clem Shade, Maple Shade; recording secretary, Mrs. Emma Pfaffenrath, Bath Addition; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Butterworth, Croydon.

Also on executive board: Alfred Smith, past president; Ernest Hamilton, 1st ward; Harry Lahr, 2nd ward; Michael Vallario, 3rd ward; Harry Gough, 4th ward; Alpheus Smyrl, 5th ward; Howard Hilgendorf, 6th ward.

New Bank Spurs Community's Growth



NEW CROYDON BRANCH of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County, which opens today. Note the window at the extreme right rear of the building, which is the one where the new service of Bank-from-Your-Car-Window facilities will be made available.

Historic Creek Long Renowned As Beauty Spot

When the first white men came to the west bank of the Delaware River, downstream from the "Great Bend" near Trenton, they found a number of particularly beautiful streams which meandered down from higher ground in the northwest, and emptied in most cases into tidal mouths opening out of the main river itself.

Many of these have succumbed to industrialization, and are mere trickles of stained and polluted water, but the most beautiful of all, the magnificent Neshaminy, still retains most of the picturesque charm of its earliest days.

The Neshaminy is the binding thread connecting many areas which at times have pulled in contrary directions. It has been a sort of mother to a community of settlements and farms, and, in more recent years, commercial and industrial centers—at one time and another a main artery of transportation, a source of power, a

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"DRIVE-IN" AT CROYDON BRANCH

Croydon Young, Growing Fast; Future Bright

Though actually one of the younger municipalities of the area Croydon has grown rapidly into one of the main centers of the Neshaminy Valley region.

Its present name is that of the venerable London suburb best known as one of the world's major airports. But before that what is now Croydon was on the outskirts of a somewhat earlier settlement known by its designation on the railroad system—the unpoetic name of "Schenck's Station."

The west bank of the Delaware River, from Torresdale to Bristol, has been recognized by many generations of Philadelphians as a wonderful health and recreation

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What, No Falls?

Historians say that there are no natural falls at Neshaminy Falls, and that the name was given because of the overflow of an early dam at that location.

Single Family Once Held Most Of Bensalem

The history of Bensalem Township goes back to the earliest days of William Penn's colonizing of Pennsylvania.

Some idea of the vast size of the holdings which Penn's associates turned over to those willing to undertake the task of settling them may be gained by noting that virtually all of what is now Bensalem Township was originally owned by one family.

Lawrence Grawdon, Sr., a British Country gentleman from Tre-

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Shad Fishing

Years ago, when the Delaware River was still running clean and clear, shad fishing was a big industry. Catches running into the thousands were recorded, and the fish could be bought for a few cents apiece.

One of the largest shad fisheries along the Delaware was located at Dunk's Ferry, employing seven men at its peak.

Branch Offers Region Many New Conveniences

Banking from automobile one of many services Croydon office will make available to the community

NEW RECORD SET

Since copy was written for this supplement, showing assets for the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County to be \$17,248,854.30 on October 15, the Bank has set a new high record, assets having reached \$18,272,205.95 on October 27.

Opening of the Croydon Branch of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County brings to the Croydon-Bensalem area all the conveniences and services of modern banking, including that most recent of banking developments—banking from your car window.

One of the many striking features of the new building is a special window, in a corner projecting to the edge of a driveway, where deposits can be made by a motorist without leaving his or her steering wheel.

The Farmers National Bank of Bucks County is the oldest and biggest bank of Bucks County, and its history has been closely interwoven with that of the nation, the state and the local community for the past 137 years.

Organized at Hulmeville in 1814
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"Neshaminy"

According to the experts, the Indian word "Neshaminy" really means "The place where we had two drinks." This doesn't refer to taprooms, firewater, or anything of that sort. Indians in their original state along the Delaware, it is said, never drank from open running streams, but only from springs. Therefore, the word "Neshaminy" signified a place where there were two springs close together. The exact location of the two springs in question is unknown.

A Forgotten Ghost

The name "Haunted Lane" appears to be a relic of a ghost story dating back to days shortly after the Revolutionary War. A young mother, after a series of earlier tragedies, suffered the further loss of her only child in a drowning accident downstream from Ford Inn. The bereaved mother soon died. Thereafter her ghostly figure could be seen, according to the legend, peering into the waters of the Neshaminy.

Train Service Once Daily

One hundred years ago, the Croydon-Bensalem area thought it was well off because it had one train a day in each direction. A man carrying spikes sat on the cowcatcher to fasten down loose rails. The trains were known by their conductors' names—one being the Andrew Quentin and the other the William Bailey.

Aged Mansions Tell Story of Long-Forgotten Events

Pictures Catch Fading Charms

Many old buildings, including some mansions dating back as much as two centuries and a half, are to be found in the Croydon-Bensalem area.

Some are in a splendid state of preservation, others have been so modified that little remains of their original appearance, and others are falling rapidly into ruin and decay. Hardly a year passes but what one or another of these venerable relics disappears from the scene.

Four of these are of particular interest to Croydon, and will be discussed separately at some length. They are: China Hall, White Hall or Bristol College, Ford Inn and Evergreens.

Oldest mansion of the area is Trevose, the Grawdon family home on the left bank of the Neshaminy.

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Historic Creek Long Renowned As Beauty Spot

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delightful playground—and at rare intervals a boisterous mischief-maker.

At the time of the earliest settlements, and for many generations thereafter, there were neither trains nor satisfactory roads—the way to get about with comfort was on the water.

River a Fine Carrier

The great Delaware, with its constant tides, moving swiftly in one direction and then the other, was the perfect freight and passenger carrier of those times, and wherever a secondary stream, with a secure anchorage at its mouth, was to be found, there was a potential settlement.

A stream such as the Neshaminy had a second great economic importance—that of water power. Mills were sprinkled along its length, and their products could find ready means of shipment to the areas where the consumers were living.

It is no coincidence that the first great commercial center of Bucks County was located on the Neshaminy Creek, only a few miles from its outlet—originally known as Milford Mills and now as Hulmeville.

Builds Whole Village

John Hulme, descendant of a family which had come to Pennsylvania with Penn on his second voyage here (1699), came to Milford Mills in 1796 and bought the mill property, including 154 acres on both sides of the Neshaminy.

He immediately began developing the resources and advantages of the new community, to which he gave his own name in 1809. He set up various types of milling operations such as tanning and fulling, and built large warehouses to hold stocks of goods until advantageous times to haul them down stream and ship them to whatever foreign port offered the greatest advantages. He built a whole village to house the workers' families which his energies brought there.

This thriving center rapidly became the financial capital of Lower Bucks County, and in 1814 he organized the Farmers Bank of Bucks County—the word "National" was added to the title in 1864.

Creek Is Fored

Other smaller versions of the successful new community sprang into being all up and down the Neshaminy, including that of Newportville, founded March 25, 1836. It is interesting to note in passing that Newportville for two weeks in 1855 bore the name of "Neshaminy," the change having been made by a postmaster, and rescinded soon afterward.

Early in the history of the lower Neshaminy Valley there came up the problem of how travelers were going to get from one bank of the stream to the other.

First traffic crossings were made at a ford, and it is said that "Ford Inn" was not named for a family called Ford, but from the fact that the Neshaminy Ford was nearby. Because of the considerable tide at that point, fording was unsatisfactory, and a ferry was ordered in 1697. It must be remembered that the crossing was an important one even in those days, since the route was that of the King's Great Road.

First Bridge in 1830

The ferry privilege came into the hands of John Baldwin in 1702. A year before he had come from Bristol, England, and had bought 300 acres on the east bank of the Neshaminy.

As always, a small community grew up around the ferry, and this one developed on the west side of the stream, coming in the course of time to be what now is Bridgewater.

In 1830 the first bridge was built across the creek at this point.

Thereafter, with the exception of one brief period, it no longer was necessary to take a boat to get across.

But for a few days just after the Civil War, getting from one bank or the other required a long steamboat ride.

Biggest Flood in 1865

This was just one of the many spectacular results that came when the Neshaminy, in a tantrum, sent a freak flood roaring down to



NESHAMINY CREEK FROM AIR, photograph taken during the recent summer, indicating the huge numbers of watercraft which anchor in the creek. The area shown is between Route 13 and State road, both sides of the railroad. Picture by courtesy of Paul Kovitch.

the Delaware in July, 1865. The flood reached almost unbelievable dimensions, and nothing but very good luck prevented the loss of many lives.

What happened was that a rain-storm, small in area but of cloud-burst violence, moved across the central part of the county, dumping into the upper basin of the Neshaminy the almost incredible torrent of twelve inches of rain.

Since there were no phones or radio to spread the alarm, and since the residents in the lower valley saw nothing of the cloud-burst, they had no warning.

At Hulmeville a miller sleeping on the second floor of his home near the stream heard a strange noise. He rolled out of bed and found himself standing knee-deep in water. He escaped with his family shortly before the building collapsed under the flood.

Luck Saves Lives

Innumerable similar instances of good fortune in getting away from the "flash" flood saved lives up and down the stream. As the waters from the tributary creeks came together, they boiled into a gigantic engine of destruction which scoured the channel of the creek.

All bridges except one—that at Oakford—were swept away. Since these bridges were mainly covered wooden structures, their heavy timbers became battering rams. Dozens of mills, homes and other structures near the creek were demolished.

When the crest of the flood reached Newportville, it picked up the covered bridge bodily, and hurled it on down the stream. It struck the railroad bridge at Bridgewater, carrying away two piers and demolishing the bridge itself. Since the highway bridge at this point had burned only a few days earlier, it escaped any further damage.

Wreckage in Jersey

The floodwaters shot out from the mouth of the Neshaminy like water from a nozzle. The raging crosscurrent stopped all traffic on the river, and the debris was carried across the Delaware and piled on the Jersey shore. The Newportville Bridge ultimately wound up a pile of wreckage near Beverly.

Since the railway bridge which had been destroyed at Bridgewater was on the main line from Philadelphia to New York, emergency means had to be found to keep traffic moving.

What was done was that a steamboat was put in service from Dunk's Ferry west of the mouth of the Neshaminy to a point upstream where the journey by rail could be resumed.

Within a few days a temporary footpath was completed on top

Area's Rapid Growth Forces Fire Companies to Build

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secretary, and Mrs. Eleanor Sorensen, treasurer.

Union Fire Company has enlarged its firehouse at State Road and Spruce Avenue, Cornwells Manor, to make room for its newest piece of equipment, a 1950 Ford-Maxim, with a 500-gallon pumper and booster tank. They have two other engines, a G. M. C. 500-gallon pumper and a Childs 500-gallon pumper. There is also a rescue boat in the firehouse.

Firemen Do Own Work

Work on the extension has been done by the firemen themselves, who built the hall in 1928. They were organized in 1927 and for a year used a garage at Station Avenue and State Road, now the Manor Garage. The following year the company was chartered.

Harold H. Dettmer, who was fire chief of the Cornwells company, was the first Union fire chief. He was followed by Erwin Beals, William Wurst, Benjamin Hughes, Robert O'Neal, Frank Brown, Bonnal, Raymond Hughes, Edward Hughes and Ernest Belmont, present chief. O'Neal was first president of the company.

Present officers are: President, W. R. Sterner; vice president, Ralph Sterner; secretary, Herbert J. Reeves, and treasurer, William Hughes.

Chief, Ernest Belmont; first assistant chief, Robert O'Neal; second assistant chief, Melber Schmid; third assistant chief, Paul L. Schaumberg, and trustees: Schaumberg, Schmid and Joseph Beitz.

Public Is Invited

The Auxiliary was organized in 1928, with Mrs. Jacob Malson as president. Officers today are: Mrs. Lena Schneider, president; Mrs. Amelia Borsch, vice president; Mrs. Victoria MacDougall, secretary; Mrs. Ella Brown, treasurer, and trustees: Mrs. Laura Hughes, Mrs. Pearl Belmont and Mrs. Margaret Weir.

Chief Belmont recently invited citizens of Cornwells Manor to participate in the work of the fire

bridge, and passengers walked across from a train on one bank to a train on the other, in the interval before the railroad bridge could be rebuilt.

In all, eight wooden bridges were swept away by the flood. Most of these, as well as most of the buildings destroyed, were low and close to the stream, where few persons since then would care to place such structures.

company. "The firehouse belongs to the community as much as to the fire company," he said. "All people of the community should take an interest in its activities."

The most unusual and ingenious piece of fire apparatus in the district is a "one-man fire engine" which Eddington Fire Company No. 1 built on an Army surplus truck chassis.

Mounted on the truck is a 1550-gallon tank, with a six-cylinder Dodge engine and pump in the rear. Coiled on each side of the tank is a 300-foot length of 1½-inch hard suction hose, already coupled and ready to use. An electric motor reels in the hose.

"Wet Water" Penetrates

The Eddington firemen also have a 750-gallon Maxim pumping engine, which will pump foam for oil and gasoline fires, and "wet water," which will penetrate smoldering bales of hay and upholsteries.

The Eddington company received its charter April 11, 1946, after being organized November 1, 1945. Their first headquarters was a vacant house on High Avenue, the former home of Augustus Paulson, Jr.

Their first piece of fire-fighting apparatus, a second-hand Green pumping engine from Beverly, N. J., is still in their possession. The engine, known as "The Green Hornet" because of its color and small size, was housed in William Nevers' garage.

Hold Barn Dances

The firemen built their present firehouse in 1946. In addition to suppers and games, barn dances are held in the Eddington firehouse, at Central and Brown Avenues, Saturday nights, with a caller.

President of the Eddington fire company is Watson W. Wright. George D. Kutzer, Jr., is vice president; Raemond E. Wink, secretary, and E. Nelson Thomas, treasurer. Trustees are: Norman R. Lomas, Sr., Edgar H. Mullen and Werner Kubernus.

Samuel W. Aiken, Jr., is fire chief, assisted by William T. Thomas and Harry A. Edgar. Robert F. Brenner is captain of fire police.

Officers of the Auxiliary are: Mrs. C. Mae Thomas, president; Mrs. Agnes Specht, vice president; Mrs. Dorothy R. Aikens, secretary; Mrs. Jessie Wink, treasurer, and Mrs. Rosalia Mullen, Mrs. Mildred Mitchell and Mrs. Anna Rosney, trustees.

Neshaminy Long a Noted Boating Center

Neshaminy Creek, which has always been a popular playground for most of its length, has been a boating center from its mouth upstream to Newportville since the gay nineties.

In these sixty years, however, it has changed from a summer resort, where hundreds of Philadelphians rented rowboats for weekend or summer vacations, to a convenient anchorage, storage and embarkation center for yacht owners of Eastern Pennsylvania and Western New Jersey.

Back in 1905, when Curtis Seyfert and Charles Wright opened up a yard and shop, there were believed to be only two other power boats in Bucks County besides the one they owned.

Rowboats for Hire

The great boating attraction in the early days was Cherry's Boat Yard, east of Route 13 on Haunted Lane, where John Cherry would have all his 52 rowboats hired out by 9 a. m. on a summer day.

Trolley cars from Philadelphia would stop at Cherry's Boat Yard, and crowds of people would race to rent the boats. Boaters wrote a week in advance for reservations.

"It's not like it used to be," Mr. Seyfert says. "I've seen people hoist each other up through the train windows to try to get seats ahead of the crowd, when there used to be special trains on Sundays. They had to stop the train on the bridge to pick up tickets, because there were too many passengers to get the tickets all collected if they went straight on to Philadelphia.

"At one time there was a party boat shaped like a whale that took groups for rides. Water rushed into the mouth and spouted out of the top of the head."

Avoid Salt Water

Many owners keep their craft at seashore resorts in the summer, but bring them here for winter storage to get away from the humid salt air and to be nearer their homes for week-end repairs and renovations.

Seyfert and Wright's first customers came from Philadelphia. They stored only two boats at the yard their first year, and only two more the second. Two men cranked a hand-operated winch to pull the craft up on rails from the Creek.

This fall the company is preparing to store more than 65 boats, most of them 26 to 40 feet long, compared with the 16 to 25 feet of a few years ago.

Boatyard Will Enlarge

In 1946, when Mr. Wright died, William Gutgesell became Mr. Seyfert's partner. They plan soon to extend their yard downstream and accommodate 200 power boats. This will permit those who feel the water is harmful to their craft to store them on shore during the winter.

Mrs. Mary Kitson, who has assisted her husband, Manly, in operating Kitson's Boatyard in Croydon on the west side of State Road for fifteen years, says that yachting is no longer limited to the wealthy as once was the case.

Fill in Swamps

Mr. Kitson, like other boatyard operators on the Creek, had to fill the swampland to start his business. He now stores 55 boats, including those of the Delaware River and Wissinoming Yacht Clubs.

Across State Road from the Kitson Boatyard is the Croydon Boatyard, which George Cowan has run for twenty years. He rents rowboats, which have their busiest time during the summer, but in the fall are called for by hunters during the duck and railbird seasons, and by fishermen after perch, catfish and eels in Neshaminy Creek.

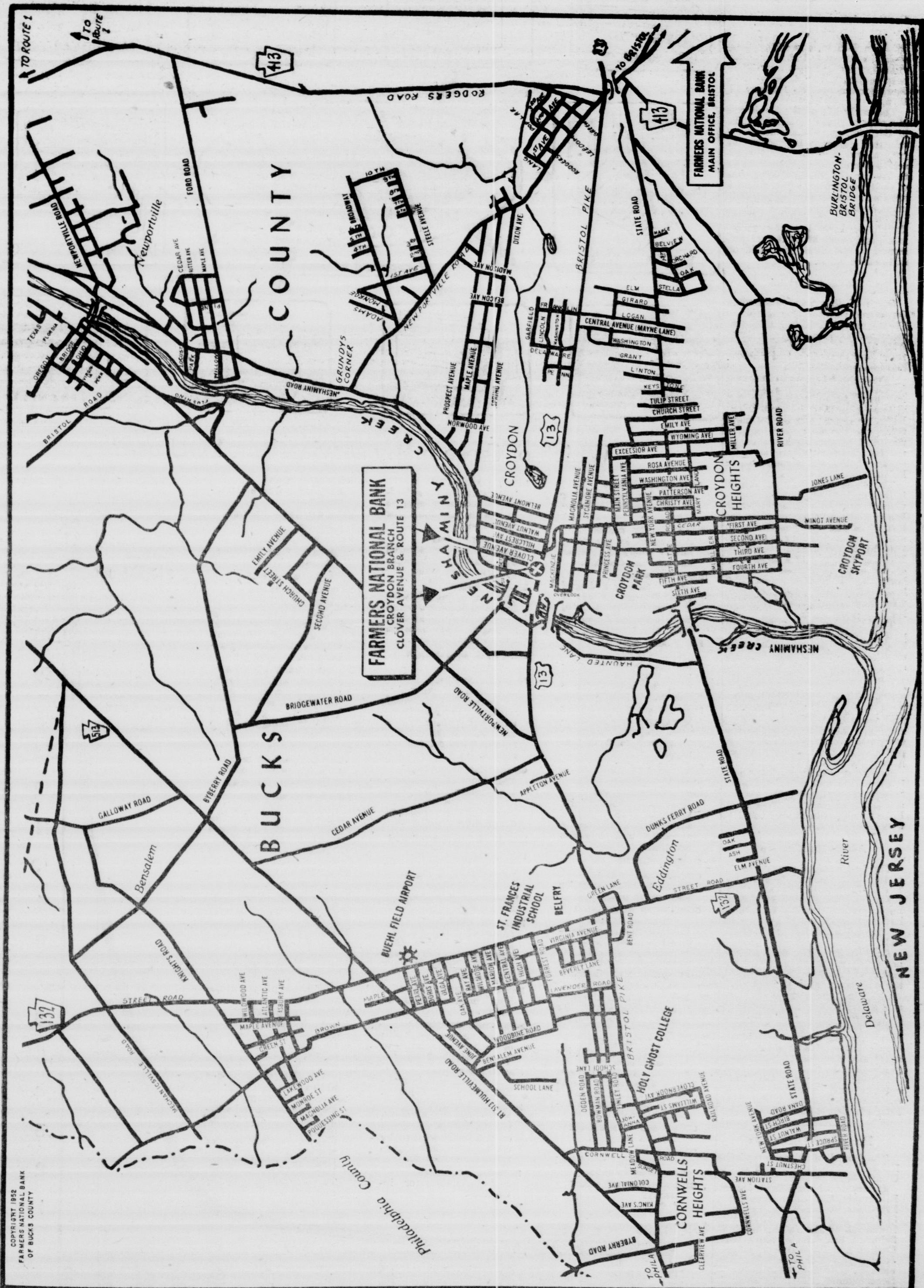
Paul Kovitch stores boats at the Sunnyside Boatyard on Haunted Lane between Route 13 and State Road, and rents outboard runabouts.

New Storeroom Built

At Creekside Boatyard, east of Sunnyside, Harry W. Schurz also handles outboard speedboats and stores yachts. His hauling-out car takes boats into a storeroom and showroom he recently built.

Although the main attention has shifted from rowboats to yachts, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Kovitch and the late George Cherry all had a successful small-craft season this year. George Cherry, who succeeded his father, John, in managing Cherry's Boatyard, was killed when struck by an automobile last October 3. His brother, William, who built the Cherry boat, is recovering from injuries received in a similar accident.

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Croydon Area Justly Proud of Rescue Squad

One of the institutions of which the Croydon area is most proud, and which has been acclaimed throughout Lower Bucks County, is the Bucks County Rescue Squad.

By Harry A. Eckert, Jr.

Publicity Director
Bucks County Rescue Squad

Founded in 1932 and dedicated to saving lives, the primary purpose for the first year was to prevent, or assist at the scene of, drownings in the area of Croydon. During 1933, seeing the need of an ambulance, the Squad secured a decrepit hearse and converted it into an ambulance which answered accident calls and was housed wherever possible.

In 1935 the Squad obtained headquarters and had two ambulances in service, with crews on duty at all times to answer calls which numbered 120 during that year.

By 1938 the membership had increased to 45, and the area being covered was from Philadelphia City Line to Morrisville and Washington Crossing, answering 400 calls a year.

Prepare for Disasters

A steel boat was obtained in 1940, as well as a resuscitator, and a Stokes stretcher for rescue and drowning work, and also field hospital equipment for use in disaster work or where large numbers of persons were injured and had to be treated on the scene. This equipment was also used at auto races or large picnics where big crowds gathered out of doors. Seven hundred calls were answered that year.

In 1942 a new headquarters, with a four-vehicle garage, was completed and designated a Civilian Defense Field Hospital. The personnel was incorporated into the Civilian Defense Medical Corps. A total of 852 calls was answered, with 26,450 miles being traveled, requiring 7400 man hours of duty throughout that year.

Due to the numerous drownings during 1943, the Bucks County Marine Association was organized, now known as the Inter-State Marine Association.

Buy Third Ambulance

Increased calls for ambulance transportation during 1944 made necessary the purchase of a third ambulance to handle the volume of work. In line with the policy of adding new equipment as needed, the Squad bought oxygen tents for use in patients' homes in cases of pneumonia and heart attack. Calls numbering 1016 were answered, 30,019 miles were traveled and 10,309 man hours of duty worked.

Because of the prevalence of polio in 1945 the Squad obtained an outright donation from Fleetwings Patriot Club of an adult iron lung, an auxiliary lung and a baby iron lung and incubator combination.

Several large fires and bus accidents led to the acquisition of a rescue and lighting truck. The Squad also increased its oxygen equipment and was instrumental in saving the lives of twelve victims of coal gas poisoning during the winter of 1946.

Lend Home Equipment

Overcrowding of hospital during 1948 made necessary another service — supplying wheel chairs, crutches and hospital beds for use in homes of sick or injured. Officers of the squad assisted in forming the International Association of First-Aid and Rescue Squads to further the first-aid movement throughout the United States, Canada and other countries.

During 1949 the Squad organized the Pennsylvania Association of First-Aid and Rescue Squads, banding together the volunteer first-aid units of the state into a single organization. There was started also an extensive first-aid training program in this area, which was needed because of the let-down in first-aid training since the end of the war. Sick and injured numbering 1254 were transported, 40,420 miles traveled, and 450 pints of blood supplied.

Paint Vehicles White

The Squad built its Twin Coach Mobile Unit in 1950, containing four bunk beds and an operating table with lights and all equipment needed by physicians and surgeons in case of disaster. This has equipment enough to treat 200 victims of accidents at one time, thus supplementing the field service equipment and being available to handle the first-aid needs of the largest crowds.



ROLLING EQUIPMENT of the Bucks County Rescue Squad, all of which can be controlled and guided, or can communicate with each other, by means of two-way radio sets in the vehicles.

In 1951 the Squad had all its mobile equipment painted uniform white to help motorists recognize the vehicles as emergency machines.

The Squad answered 1401 calls, transported 1510 patients, traveled 49,996 miles, and put in 18,112 man hours of duty.

In the early part of 1952 the Squad installed a radio station at its headquarters, and equipped the ambulances with two-way radio sets. Two walkie-talkie sets were obtained to help in rescue or disaster work. The radio station also is used by Bristol Township, Bensalem Township and Levittown police departments over their two-way automobile sets. The station is operated by voluntary personnel.

New Oxygen Truck

Increased calls for oxygen equipment, especially for oxygen tents, necessitated the obtaining of a vehicle to transport such equipment, and a special truck was built for this purpose.

On March 1 the Squad answered its fifteen thousandth call, having traveled a total of 535,510 miles, using twelve ambulances, during the twenty years of service.

The group of men and women who make up the Bucks County Rescue Squad receive no pay for their work, and they are the largest and best-equipped volunteer ambulance-rescue squad in the United States today.

The Squad extends a standing invitation to all interested persons to visit the headquarters and inspect the equipment.

Neshaminy Valley Enjoys Industrial Boom

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City Line at Andalusia all the way to Bristol Borough was essentially what it had been since the days of the first settlement — a splendid residential district, with great estates and small dwellings intermingled, and active farms spread in between.

The First World War, which did much to develop other parts of lower Bucks County, such as the section in and around Bristol itself, made barely a dent in the riverbelt on both sides of Croydon.

There were, of course, some war plants now largely forgotten — some important sand and gravel operations, a project for making wooden cargo carriers, and the like. These have disappeared so completely that many residents would not even know where to look for their sites.

But the Second World War gave the area an industrial impetus which other factors developing since then have greatly encouraged.

The last twenty years have seen a sort of revolution in industry, when it comes to the type of manufacturing most in demand.

Electronics has risen from nowhere to be one of the great businesses of the world. So with the varied chemical industries. Likewise, the making of containers of newer materials and designs has ceased to be what it once was, a mere sideline, and became a large industry of its own.

Other economic factors have played a part. For instance, the busing-point decision of the Federal courts has had the effect of making nearness to market centers highly important — and no area is closer to the major markets



RESCUE AND LIGHTING truck, an important recent addition to the Bucks County Rescue Squad's equipment. Those manning it are, left to right, Bill Moyer, Gordon Gilbert, Irvin Wong, Tom Bevan, Jim Patterson, Francis Lippincott, Bob Brenner, Warren Jennings and Harry Eckert.

of the United States, and to the main export points, than is the Croydon-Bensalem region.

Or to mention another trend — within only a few years the whole living habits of millions of American workers have changed. Reliance on individually owned automobiles as a means of getting to and from work has become the rule instead of the exception, and there is a mass movement away from crowded metropolitan sections into suburban districts with one-family homes.

The Croydon-Bensalem center is one point on a corridor which is rapidly becoming the most important production line on the face of the earth and in the history of the world — a line which starts at Baltimore, hits through Wilmington to Philadelphia, on up through Trenton and New Brunswick past New York City over into Connecticut.

No magician ever produced more marvels than have happened in that golden belt of production, and no similar area beneath the heavens offers civilization more promise for the future.

Thousands of items are produced in that belt in greater quantity than in all the rest of the world combined.

And from machine parts to roller bearings, and from forged tools to precision instruments, here are made also the devices without which most of the rest of the world's production would bog down.

It may be that to some living on the banks of the Delaware River industrialization is coming as an unwelcome guest, disturbing the serenity and quiet which this region enjoyed so long.

But the march of the forces of production into this part of the state is as irresistible as the changing of the seasons.

The territory within six or eight miles of the new branch of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County is witnessing the ending of one era and the beginning of another.

Consider the industrial plants which have come into that section in recent years:

Rohm & Haas Company, Inc., chemicals and plastics; Philco Corporation, radio equipment; Madsen Machine and Foundry Co.; Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co., chemicals; Packer Industries, Inc., commercial alcohol; Seaboard Container Corporation, cardboard containers; Railway Specialties Co., bolts and forgings; Badenhausen Division of Riley Stoker Corporation, boilers; Schutte & Koerting, valves, fittings and condensers; Cornwell Industries, Inc.; Eddington Metal Specialties Co.; Cornwell's Chemical Corporation; E. A. Gerhart Co.; Eppinger & Russell; U. S.

Concrete Pipe Co.

Meanwhile a train of other enterprises have come, such as Safe Food supermarket and the Croydon Diner, and a host of other concerns sprinkled the length of Bristol Pike and in the outlying sections.

Great business opportunities follow throngs of people, and the multitudes of newcomers to this area whose automobiles today clog the highways are a potential market out of which many a business house will make a fortune in the future.

What will be Croydon's place in the coming development of lower Bucks County, an expansion which thus far has barely begun?

The pattern which the development will follow has not yet been fixed. The lower end is filling up with a population which probably will have a number of commercial centers.

It is difficult to see any line of growth which would prevent the Croydon-Bensalem area from turning into one of the most important of those centers.

The future of this part of the state is bright, indeed.

Farmers Bank Officers

Chairman of the Board
(Created 1947)
Joseph R. Grundy 1947-

Presidents

John Hulme	1814-1817
Joseph Hulme	1817-1821
John Newbold	1821-1823
Anthony Taylor	1823-1838
John Paxson	1838-1850
Anthony Burton	1850-1874
Caleb N. Taylor	1874-1887
Pierson Mitchell	1887-1894
Benjamin Taylor	1894-1918
Joseph R. Grundy	1918-1947
Thomas Scott	1947-1949
Louis C. Spring	1949-

Cashiers

George Harrison	1814-1823
William Newbold	1823-1827
Robert C. Beatty	1827-1867
Charles T. Iredell	1867-1882
Charles E. Scott	1882-1924
Thomas Scott	1924-1947
John C. Johnson	1947-

BANKING HOURS

The Croydon Branch of the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County will coordinate its activities and hours with those of the main Bank in Bristol.

Regular banking hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

In addition, the Croydon branch will remain open on THURSDAY from 3 to 6 p.m. Since the Bristol office is open FRIDAY evenings, this will give the entire area a second late day a week for banking purposes.

The Bank's services at the two main buildings are interchangeable — that is, if one has a savings account with the Farmers National Bank, deposits or withdrawals can be made at either the Bristol or the Croydon office.

Report of Condition

THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK OF BUCKS COUNTY BRISTOL, PENNSYLVANIA

At Close of Business October 15, 1952

One Hundred and Thirty-Eight Years of Service

ASSETS

Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 3,740,190.72
U. S. Government Securities	3,850,504.00
Obligations of State and Political Subdivisions	3,095,049.00
Other Bonds and Securities	3,386,288.00
Federal Reserve Stock	52,500.00
Loans and Discounts	2,681,200.60
Real Estate (Banking Houses)	349,795.83
Furniture and Fixtures	59,747.80
Other Real Estate (For Expansion)	20,870.75
Other Assets	12,698.60

\$17,248,854.30

LIABILITIES

Capital — Common Stock	\$ 600,000.00
Surplus	1,250,000.00
Undivided Profits	189,777.71
Total	\$ 1,919,777.71
Deposits	15,327,305.12
Other Liabilities	1,771.47

\$17,248,854.30

Trust Funds

(Kept Separate from Assets of This Bank)

Member — Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

TOTAL DIVIDENDS

Dividends paid by Farmers National Bank of Bucks County are as follows:	
At State Bank (1814 to 1864)	\$ 288,505.65
As National Bank (since 1864)	1,675,128.65

Total \$1,918,718.30

Historic Creek Long Renowned As Beauty Spot

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delightful playground—and at rare intervals a boisterous mischief-maker.

At the time of the earliest settlements, and for many generations thereafter, there were neither trains nor satisfactory roads—the way to get about with comfort was on the water.

River a Fine Carrier

The great Delaware, with its constant tides, moving swiftly in one direction and then the other, was the perfect freight and passenger carrier of those times, and wherever a secondary stream, with a secure anchorage at its mouth, was to be found, there was a potential settlement.

A stream such as the Neshaminy had a second great economic importance—that of water power. Mills were sprinkled along its length, and their products could find ready means of shipment to the areas where the consumers were living.

It is no coincidence that the first great commercial center of Bucks County was located on the Neshaminy Creek, only a few miles from its outlet—originally known as Milford Mills and now as Hulmeville.

Builds Whole Village

John Hulme, descendant of a family which had come to Pennsylvania with Penn on his second voyage here (1699), came to Milford Mills in 1796 and bought the mill property, including 154 acres on both sides of the Neshaminy.

He immediately began developing the resources and advantages of the new community, to which he gave his own name in 1809. He set up various types of milling operations such as tanning and fulling; and built large warehouses to hold stocks of goods until advantageous times to haul them down stream and ship them to whatever foreign port offered the greatest advantages. He built a whole village to house the workers' families which his energies brought there.

This thriving center rapidly became the financial capital of Lower Bucks County, and in 1814 he organized the Farmers Bank of Bucks County—the word "National" was added to the title in 1864.

Creek Is Forded

Other smaller versions of the successful new community sprang into being all up and down the Neshaminy, including that of Newportville, founded March 25, 1836. It is interesting to note in passing that Newportville for two weeks in 1855 bore the name of "Neshaminy," the change having been made by a postmaster, and rescinded soon afterward.

Early in the history of the lower Neshaminy Valley there came up the problem of how travelers were going to get from one bank of the stream to the other.

First traffic crossings were made at a ford, and it is said that "Ford Inn" was not named for a family called Ford, but from the fact that the Neshaminy Ford was nearby. Because of the considerable tide at that point, fording was unsatisfactory, and a ferry was ordered in 1697. It must be remembered that the crossing was an important one even in those days, since the route was that of the King's Great Road.

First Bridge in 1830

The ferry privilege came into the hands of John Baldwin in 1702. A year before he had come from Bristol, England, and had bought 300 acres on the east bank of the Neshaminy.

As always, a small community grew up around the ferry, and this one developed on the west side of the stream, coming in the course of time to be what now is Bridgewater.

In 1830 the first bridge was built across the creek at this point.

Thereafter, with the exception of one brief period, it no longer was necessary to take a boat to get across.

But for a few days just after the Civil War, getting from one bank or the other required a long steamboat ride.

Biggest Flood in 1865

This was just one of the many spectacular results that came when the Neshaminy, in a tantrum, sent a flood roaring down to



NESHAMINY CREEK FROM AIR, photograph taken during the recent summer, indicating the huge numbers of watercraft which anchor in the creek. The area shown is between Route 13 and State road, both sides of the railroad. Picture by courtesy of Paul Kovitch.

the Delaware in July, 1865. The flood reached almost unbelievable dimensions, and nothing but very good luck prevented the loss of many lives.

What happened was that a rain-storm, small in area but of cloud-burst violence, moved across the central part of the county, dumping into the upper basin of the Neshaminy the almost incredible torrent of twelve inches of rain.

Since there were no phones or radio to spread the alarm, and since the residents in the lower valley saw nothing of the cloud-burst, they had no warning.

At Hulmeville a miller sleeping on the second floor of his home near the stream heard a strange noise. He rolled out of bed and found himself standing knee-deep in water. He escaped with his family shortly before the building collapsed under the flood.

Luck Saves Lives

Innumerable similar instances of good fortune in getting away from the "flash" flood saved lives up and down the stream. As the waters from the tributary creeks came together, they boiled into a gigantic engine of destruction which scoured the channel of the creek.

All bridges except one—that at Oakford—were swept away. Since these bridges were mainly covered wooden structures, their heavy timbers became battering rams. Dozens of mills, homes and other structures near the creek were demolished.

When the crest of the flood reached Newportville, it picked up the covered bridge bodily, and hurled it on down the stream. It struck the railroad bridge at Bridgewater, carrying away two piers and demolishing the bridge itself. Since the highway bridge at this point had burned only a few days earlier, it escaped any further damage.

Wreckage in Jersey

The floodwaters shot out from the mouth of the Neshaminy like water from a nozzle. The raging crosscurrent stopped all traffic on the river, and the debris was carried across the Delaware and piled on the Jersey shore. The Newportville Bridge ultimately wound up a pile of wreckage near Beverly.

Since the railway bridge which had been destroyed at Bridgewater was on the main line from Philadelphia to New York, emergency means had to be found to keep traffic moving.

What was done was that a steamboat was put in service from Dunk's Ferry west of the mouth of the Neshaminy to a point upstream where the journey by rail could be resumed.

Within a few days a temporary footpath was completed on top of the wreckage of the railway

Area's Rapid Growth Forces Fire Companies to Build

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retary, and Mrs. Eleanor Sorenson, treasurer.

Union Fire Company has enlarged its firehouse at State Road and Spruce Avenue, Cornwells Manor, to make room for its newest piece of equipment, a 1950 Ford-Maxim, with a 500-gallon pumper and booster tank. They have two other engines, a G. M. C. 500-gallon pumper and a Childs 500-gallon pumper. There is also a rescue boat in the firehouse.

Firemen Do Own Work

Work on the extension has been done by the firemen themselves, who built the hall in 1928. They were organized in 1927 and for a year used a garage at Station Avenue and State Road, now the Manor Garage. The following year the company was chartered.

Harold H. Dettmer, who was fire chief of the Cornwells company, was the first Union fire chief. He was followed by Erwin Beals, William Wurst, Benjamin Hughes, Robert O'Neal, Frank Brown, Bon-sal, Raymond Hughes, Edward Hughes and Ernest Belmont, present chief. O'Neal was first president of the company.

Present officers are: President, W. R. Sterner; vice president, Ralph Sterner; secretary, Herbert J. Reeves, and treasurer, William Hughes. Chief, Ernest Belmont; first assistant chief, Robert O'Neal; second assistant chief, Melber Schmid; third assistant chief, Paul L. Schaumberg, and trustees: Schaumberg, Schmid and Joseph Beitz.

Public Is Invited

The Auxiliary was organized in 1928, with Mrs. Jacob Malson as president. Officers today are: Mrs. Lena Schneider, president; Mrs. Amelia Borsch, vice president; Mrs. Victoria MacDougall, secretary; Mrs. Ella Brown, treasurer, and trustees: Mrs. Laura Hughes, Mrs. Pearl Belmont and Mrs. Margaret Weir.

Chief Belmont recently invited citizens of Cornwells Manor to participate in the work of the fire

bridge, and passengers walked across from a train on one bank to a train on the other, in the interval before the railroad bridge could be rebuilt.

In all, eight wooden bridges were swept away by the flood. Most of these, as well as most of the buildings destroyed, were low and close to the stream, where few persons since then would care to place such structures.

Neshaminy Long a Noted Boating Center

Neshaminy Creek, which has always been a popular playground for most of its length, has been a boating center from its mouth upstream to Newportville since the gay nineties.

In these sixty years, however, it has changed from a summer resort, where hundreds of Philadelphians rented rowboats for weekend or summer vacations, to a convenient anchorage, storage and embarkation center for yacht owners of Eastern Pennsylvania and Western New Jersey.

Back in 1905, when Curtis Seyfert and Charles Wright opened up a yard and shop, there were believed to be only two other power boats in Bucks County besides the one they owned.

Rowboats for Hire

The great boating attraction in the early days was Cherry's Boat Yard, east of Route 13 on Haunted Lane, where John Cherry would have all his 52 rowboats hired out by 9 a. m. on a summer day.

Trolley cars from Philadelphia would stop at Cherry's Boat Yard, and crowds of people would race to rent the boats. Boaters wrote a week in advance for reservations.

"It's not like it used to be," Mr. Seyfert says. "I've seen people hoist each other up through the train windows to try to get seats ahead of the crowd, when there used to be special trains on Sundays. They had to stop the train on the bridge to pick up tickets, because there were too many passengers to get the tickets all collected if they went straight on to Philadelphia.

"At one time there was a party boat shaped like a whale that took groups for rides. Water rushed into the mouth and spouted out of the top of the head."

Avoid Salt Water

Many owners keep their craft at seashore resorts in the summer, but bring them here for winter storage to get away from the humid salt air and to be nearer their homes for week-end repairs and renovations.

Seyfert and Wright's first customers came from Philadelphia. They stored only two boats at the yard their first year, and only two more the second. Two men cranked a hand-operated winch to pull the craft up on rails from the Creek.

This fall the company is preparing to store more than 65 boats, most of them 26 to 40 feet long, compared with the 16 to 25 feet of a few years ago.

Boatyard Will Enlarge

In 1946, when Mr. Wright died, William Gutgesell became Mr. Seyfert's partner. They plan soon to extend their yard downstream and accommodate 200 power boats. This will permit those who feel the water is harmful to their craft to store them on shore during the winter.

Mrs. Mary Kitson, who has assisted her husband, Manly, in operating Kitson's Boatyard in Croydon on the west side of State Road for fifteen years, says that yachting is no longer limited to the wealthy as once was the case.

Fill in Swamps

Mr. Kitson, like other boatyard operators on the Creek, had to fill the swampland to start his business. He now stores 55 boats, including those of the Delaware River and Wissinoming Yacht Clubs.

Across State Road from the Kitson Boatyard is the Croydon Boatyard, which George Cowan has run for twenty years. He rents rowboats, which have their busiest time during the summer, but in the fall are called for by hunters during the duck and railbird seasons, and by fishermen after perch, catfish and eels in Neshaminy Creek.

Paul Kovitch stores boats at the Sunnyside Boatyard on Haunted Lane between Route 13 and State Road, and rents outboard runabouts.

New Storeroom Built

At Creekside Boatyard, east of Sunnyside, Harry W. Schurr also handles outboard speedboats and stores yachts. His hauling-out car takes boats into a storeroom and showroom he recently built.

Although the main attention has shifted from rowboats to yachts, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Kovitch and the late George Cherry all had a successful small-craft season this year. George Cherry, who succeeded his father, John, in managing Cherry's Boatyard, was killed when struck by an automobile last October 3. His brother, William, who built the Cherry boats, is convalescing from injuries received in a similar accident.



EVERGREENS, monumental residence once occupied by founder of Croydon, will soon fall before the march of progress.



CHINA HALL, mansion with fascinating and varied history, is "restored" to illusion of youth through magic of camera. It was built early in the eighteenth century.



WHITE HALL, the main dormitory and classroom building of the short-lived Bristol College, which was inaugurated in 1834.

Aged Mansions Tell Story of Long-Forgotten Events

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at the Trevose Road, which is believed to have been built between 1680 and 1686. From this building the Growdons administered their "great tract" of about ten thousand acres, embracing most of what is now Bensalem.

Croydon Lodge, sometimes referred to as Croydon Lodge and situated at Upper Newportville and Doylestown Roads, was constructed in the early 1700's. The builder of the mansion was Thomas Barnsley, a captain in His Majesty's 68th Royal American Regiment of Foot.

At Flushing stands the gray-stone Patton estate. On this site Dr. John Rodman erected a dwelling.

His son William almost 200 years ago stuck his buttonwood riding switch into the ground beside a spring. That switch has grown into what is one of the largest trees east of the Rocky Mountains. The tree was struck by lightning 17 years ago, but one limb from the enormous trunk is bearing leaves and shows signs of renewed life and vigor.

Before the plantation on which the house stood was named Flushing, it was known as Rodman.

The manor house itself at the end of the last century was known as Exmoor. It once bore the name of Penrhyn. Deeds for the property run back to William Penn.

The present house was erected in 1861 after the old homestead built 146 years earlier was torn down. A Murry McIlvain owned it at about the turn of the century. Descendants of the late Senator Deneen are owners of the estate.

Farley, at the turn of the century the residence of James Moore, stood on a hill west of the Neshaminy which commanded an excellent view of the bridge carrying Bristol Pike across the creek at Bridgewater. The manor house was taken down about five years ago, and a land developer's office building is being constructed on the foundation walls.

The Williamson graveyard, not far from the spot on which Farley stood, contains the remains of Dunkin Williams or Williamson, for whom Dunk's Ferry was named. The marker gives the date of his death as 1700.

Farley was the ancestral estate of the Shippens. It is reported that Margaret Shippens, who married Benedict Arnold, spent much of her young life there and possibly was born there.

On Newportville Road, on the east bank of the Neshaminy, is Landwells, which has been converted into apartments. This manor house before 1860 was owned for



FORD INN, now a private residence on Bridgewater side of the Neshaminy at Route 13, carries viewers back to days of many generations ago.

CROYDON FOUNDER'S HOME STILL STANDS

The mansion into which the founder of Croydon moved in 1867 still stands, though in a poor state of repair and probably doomed to be torn down within a few years.

It is a large and awkwardly shaped dwelling standing just west of the Philco plant in Croydon. Originally named "Evergreens," the structure at one time was the name by which was known the community that now calls itself Croydon. The new name was given when the station was moved to its present location.

CHINA HALL HAD LONG AND VARIED CAREER

An imposing mansion facing the Delaware River near Croydon, with a long and checkered past, is China Hall or China Retreat.

Mr. Wilkins is proprietor of the Gallo- way Mission, 823 Vine Street, Philadelphia.

This ancient structure, though not in the best of repair, still retains a great deal of its original appearance, and is most imposing when viewed from certain angles.

Quite recently a "Sale" sign was

hung on the tower where it can be noted from main highways and from the Pennsylvania Railroad train, proclaiming to all that an era is coming to an end and that the "Steel Age" has arrived.

Evergreens was once the residence of the man who is usually credited with founding Croydon.

The builder was Andreas Everardus Van Braam Houckgeest, a Hollander. At the time he built the ground already had a long history. It had been sold by William Penn to Richard Noble in 1683, and subsequently leased to William Penn, Jr. It was known at that time as Rocky Mount. During one period the race horse which was then the most famous in the country—Messenger—was stabled on the property. Joseph Bonaparte is said to have been so charmed with the place during a visit that he considered buying it.

In the Civil War period this building was used as a hospital and later as a school for children of Negroes who served in the Union Army.

More recently, on June 15, 1931, former Mayor Mackey of Philadelphia dedicated the structure, parts of which had been elaborately restored, as a retreat for aged persons.

At present it is used by the owner, George Wilkins, as a summer home for deaf children. Mr. Wilkins is proprietor of the Gallo- way Mission, 823 Vine Street, Philadelphia.

Inside the Hall, and only displayed by the caretaker, Eli J. Snover, on special occasions, are a strange and fanciful collection of curios. There is, for example,

a piece of log from a tree planted by George Washington, as well as another section of timber from a tree which stood beside Benjamin Franklin's grave.

IMPOSING PORTICO AT "BRISTOL COLLEGE"

In the early 1800's the Croydon-Bensalem area had, for a brief time, a real college of its own.

This was Bristol College, founded in China Hall, and for which a nearby building, known also as "White Hall," was erected.

Most imposing feature of White Hall is a four-story high Greek portico, a pediment on top of six tall columns, all facing the river. Many a smaller college now doing business would be glad indeed to acquire possession of this handsome landmark.

The building, which had large wings on both sides of the center hall, was built to furnish classrooms and dormitory space.

The college project, however, was a failure and "Bristol College" as an educational institution lasted only a short time.

The institution in its heyday owned 360 acres surrounding the

two buildings, but through successive parcellings-off this has been reduced to about 12.

BEAUTIFUL INN AT EARLY FORD

One of the most beautiful stone buildings remaining from the Colonial days is Ford Inn, standing close to the Neshaminy at the west end of the Route 13 highway bridge.

This gets its name from the fact that the earliest crossings of the Neshaminy were by a ford at that point. Since the range of the Taylor family which played a major part in the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County for several generations there makes a ford inconvenient, within a few years after settlement began a ferry was established and this in turn was supplanted early in the 18th century by a bridge.

The building, called also Holly Tree Inn, has been turned into a handsome residence. Marks in the structure indicate it was built between 1760 and 1770, and of course probably replaced a still earlier structure.

The eastern end of the house contains the original windows. The interior of the house has been reconstructed, but still retains much of its Colonial appearance.

According to the experts, the Growdon family's "great tract" was considered as a unit between 1682 and 1692, but had no name until the later year, when it was called "Salem" in some early records. Subsequent writings of the Growdon family speak of it without explanation as "Bensalem." The word "ben" in Scotch means mountain, and if the name was the result of a marriage of a Scotch and a Hebrew word, it would translate as "Mount Salem" — not especially appropriate since there is no hill dominating the area.

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Croydon Young, Growing Fast; Future Bright

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that Croydon principally owes its beginnings.

With the death of Dr. Schenck and a gradual change in public sentiment regarding patent medicines, as well as in the permanent residents of the area, dissatisfaction with the name arose.

Pride in the beautiful settlement along the banks of the Neshaminy came to a focus when Henry L. Graw, a Philadelphia broker and a stockholder of the Pennsylvania Railroad, living at Glen Rose, nearby, arranged with the railroad to have Schenck's station torn down and abandoned, and another entirely new station built a quarter mile to the east.

Mr. Graw suggested the name of Croydon for this new station and for the community springing up around it.

The area surrounding this original nucleus has grown rapidly during the past three decades with wave after wave of building spreading it in various directions.

Amusement Park

The big entertainment center of the lower Neshaminy valley falls, where a Mr. Griffith installed amusement devices in 1876. The location was known as "Willett's Station." It was popularized by expensive music programs and lectures. Twenty-five cottages were available for week-end guests.

In 1867 he also completed the large mansion known as Evergreens, a structure which still stands south of Route 13, between the Philco Plant and the Creek. It is more fully described in another column.

Dr. Schenck prevailed upon the railroad company to build a station in the midst of his holdings, adjacent to Neshaminy Creek, and

Single Family

Once Held Most Of Bensalem

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house, in Cornwall, and his son Joseph, each obtained a grant of 5000 acres in 1681. The owners of this huge tract built a manor house, and named it after their British home, giving the present community of Trevose its name.

For many years the Growdon

mansions was a center of culture and social interchange which brought to it some of the most distinguished Americans, including Benjamin Franklin.

Name in Dispute

Many distinguished Buck

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IMPOSING PORTICO AT "BRISTOL COLLEGE"

In the early 1800's the Croydon-Bensalem area had, for a brief time, a real college of its own.

This was Bristol College, founded in China Hall, and for which a nearby building, known also as "White Hall," was erected.

Most imposing feature of White Hall is a four-story high Greek portico, a pediment on top of six tall columns, all facing the river. Many a smaller college now doing business would be glad indeed to acquire possession of this handsome landmark.

The building, which had large wings on both sides of the center hall, was built to furnish classrooms and dormitory space.

The college project, however, was a failure and "Bristol College" as an educational institution lasted only a short time.

The institution in its heyday owned 360 acres surrounding the

two buildings, but through successive parcellings-off this has been reduced to about 12.

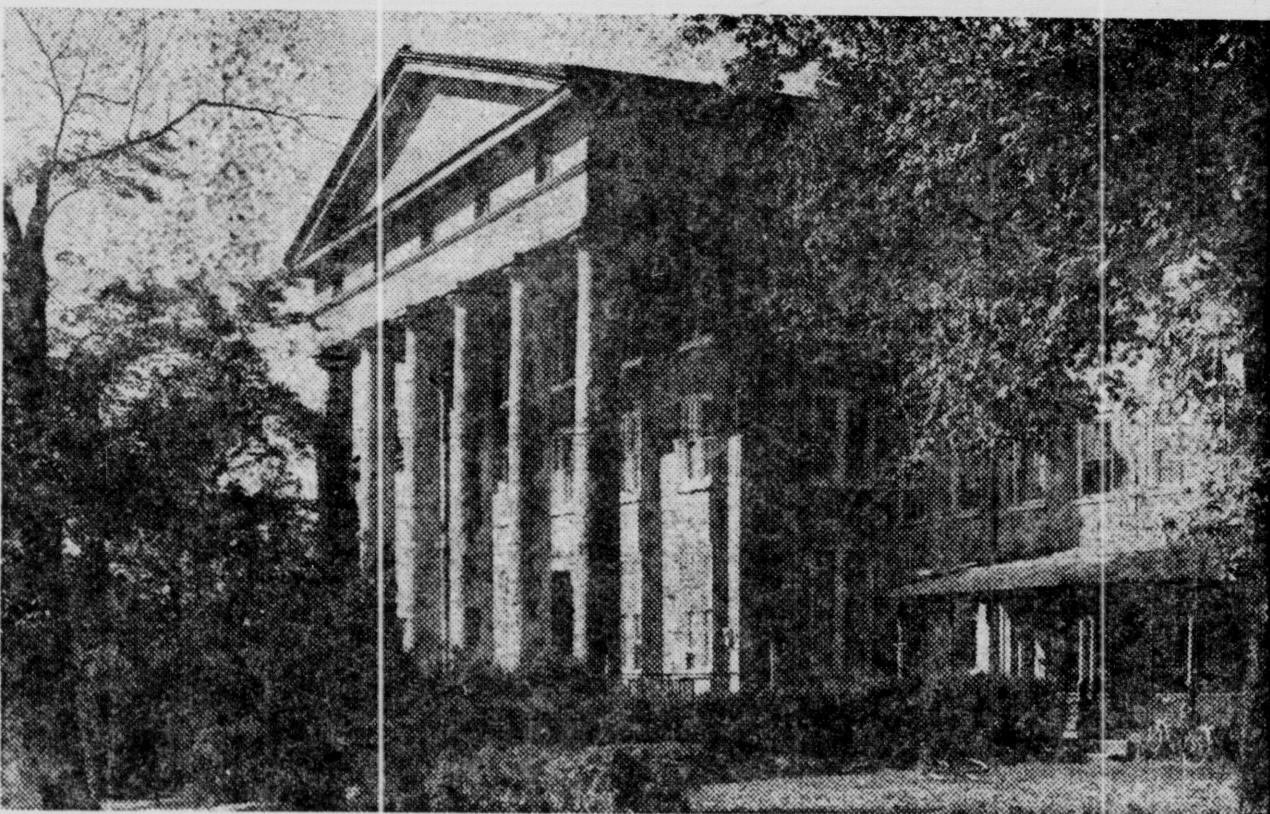
BEAUTIFUL INN AT EARLY FORD

One of the most beautiful stone buildings remaining from the Colonial days is Ford Inn, standing close to the Neshaminy at the west end of the Route 13 highway bridge.

This gets its name from the fact that the earliest crossings of the Neshaminy were by a ford at that point. Since the range of the tides there makes a ford inconvenient, within a few years after settlement began a ferry was established and this in turn was supplanted early in the 18th century by a bridge.

The building, called also Holly Tree Inn, has been turned into a handsome residence. Marks in the structure indicate it was built between 1760 and 1770, and of course probably replaced a still earlier structure.

The eastern end of the house contains the original windows. The interior of the house has been reconstructed, but still retains much of its Colonial appearance.



WHITE HALL, the main dormitory and classroom building of the short-lived Bristol College, which was inaugurated in 1834.

Single Family Once Held Most Of Bensalem

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vose, in Cornwall, and his son Joseph, each obtained a grant of 5000 acres in 1681. The owners of this huge tract built a manor house and named it after their British home, giving the present community of Trevose its name.

For many years the Growdon mansion was a center of culture and social interchange which brought to it some of the most distinguished Americans, including Benjamin Franklin.

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Area Is Subdivided

As the Growdons divided and obtained settlers for the area, they used three principal names — Trevose, Belmont and Richelieu (sometimes Richlieu), subdividing these according to the points of the compass as necessary, "East, South," etc. The interior of the township was not opened up for lots and buildings until approximately 1800, and prior to that was known as "Richelieu Forest."

Among the earlier colonizers were both Dutch and Swedes, both of which groups have left their traces in the many family names still to be found of those origins.

In the course of time, many well-to-do Philadelphians emulated William Penn, who came up the Delaware to found his country seat. Gradually most of the river frontage in Bensalem township was sold off in large slices, running back in most cases to the old Bristol or Frankford pike. The magnificent country residences and mansions still are a striking feature of the river banks.

When the Pennsylvania Railroad finally came to occupy its present location through this area, it cut these big estates in half, and their river end was still further reduced, in many cases, by the improvement of State Road.

Local Catholic Institutions Owe Much to Mother Drexel

The cluster of important Catholic institutions in Lower Bucks County represents largely the accomplishment of a single woman, who is still alive, though now approaching her 94th birthday, which will be observed November 24.

She is Mother M. Katherine Drexel, foundress of the nationwide Order of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People. She lives at the Motherhouse of the Order in Cornwells Heights.

Mother Drexel was instrumental and in some cases directly responsible for the establishment, in the Lower Bensalem area, during the brief space of nine years, from 1888 to 1897, of three of the major Catholic institutions in the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

With funds she supplied were built St. Elizabeth's Motherhouse and the grey-stone College of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Cornwells Heights. A sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Drexel Smith, founded St. Francis Industrial School, Eddington, which is taught by the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

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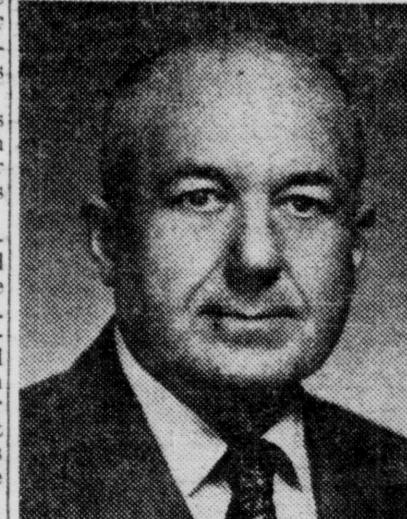
Missionaries of the Order staff 66 missions in 20 different states. Besides 44 parochial schools, 12 rural schools, and 14 high schools, the Order founded the only Catholic university for colored in the Western Hemisphere — Xavier University in New Orleans — in 1925.

The present buildings of the Motherhouse occupy all or part of what were formerly known as the Strickler, Mooney, Winder, Ackley and Neville tracts. The first group of buildings included the Convent, Providence House and the laundry building. This group was occupied in 1892.

Since that time have been added: an addition to the Novitiate building and Holy Providence Annex, 1910; St. Catherine's Normal School wing, 1927; St. Mary's Hall, 1931; and Mercedes Hall, 1940.

When the buildings were first

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RALPH RATCLIFFE
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occupied the Order was composed of 14 sisters, including the foundress. Now there are 501 professed sisters in the institute.

Mother Drexel was Superior General of the order until 1937. Mother M. Anselm now holds that office. Superior of the Motherhouse is Mother M. Clarentia.

Mother Drexel also aided in founding the Holy Ghost Missionary College, located across Bristol Pike from Bensalem township high school. The order of Holy Ghost Fathers was founded in Paris in 1703. The Fathers came to Cornwells Heights in 1897.

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The school, which cares for about 250 dependent boys, is located on a 210-acre tract. The boys at the school are taught vocational studies, though not to such great extent as in years gone by, when the institution was self-sufficient and even made clothes for the children. The present curriculum emphasizes academic studies.

There are two parochial schools in the area: St. Charles in Cornwells and St. Thomas Aquinas in Croydon.

St. Charles maintained a small school on the Bristol Pike off Byberry Road during the early part of the century. The present school was erected in 1926. Since then three rooms and an auditorium have been added. In 1926 the school had an enrollment of about 70 students. The present enrollment is more than 500. The site of the school is of the famed Andalusia College, which was active during the 19th century. The parish was founded under the auspices of Mrs. Louise Drexel Morrell. The Rev. John Nugent is the present pastor.

Sisters of the order of The Immaculate Heart of Mary teach in the school.

The next Catholic church, northward, is St. Thomas, under the direction of the Rev. Joseph B. Diamond.

Croydon Young, Growing Fast; Future Bright

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resort, and it is to this background that Croydon principally owes its

beginnings.

Dr. Joseph H. Schenck, of Philadelphia, was a physician who belonged to an earlier day of medicine, when so-called "patent medicines" had a somewhat higher position than they enjoy today. He made a considerable fortune selling a compound known as "Schenck's Mandrake Pills," and a hundred years ago barns, trees and fences in many areas bore prominent advertisements of their merits.

Dr. Schenck moved to Bucks County in 1856, and occupied a fine old mansion which was known as Neshaminy Grove Boarding House. This was on the east bank of the Neshaminy Creek north of Route 13.

In the course of time, Dr. Schenck enlarged his holdings, owning eventually 750 acres. He divided this into farms and erected buildings on them, and also set up a saw-mill at Bridgewater.

In 1867 he also completed the large mansion known as Evergreens, a structure which still stands south of Route 13, between the Philco Plant and the Creek. It is more fully described in another column.

Dr. Schenck prevailed upon the railroad company to build a station in the midst of his holdings, adjacent to Neshaminy Creek, and

this was known by his name — "Schenck's Station." The entire community soon was called by that title.

With the death of Dr. Schenck and a gradual change in public sentiment regarding patent medicines, as well as in the permanent residents of the area, dissatisfaction with the name arose.

Pride in the beautiful settlement along the banks of the Neshaminy came to a focus when Henry L. Gaw, a Philadelphia broker and a stockholder of the Pennsylvania Railroad, living at Glen Rose, nearby, arranged with the railroad to have Schenck's station torn down and abandoned, and another entirely new station built a quarter mile to the east.

Mr. Gaw suggested the name of Croydon for this new station and for the community springing up around it.

The area surrounding this original nucleus has grown rapidly during the past three decades, with wave after wave of building spreading it in various directions.

Amusement Park

The big entertainment center of the lower Neshaminy valley area was once at Neshaminy Falls, where a Mr. Griffith installed amusement devices in 1876. The location was known as "Willett's Station." It was popularized by expensive music programs and lectures. Twenty-five cottages were available for week-end guests.